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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 of 2012

Class of 2012

Danielle Bowler
Stanford Chiruyi
Mark John Burke
Eugene Davids
Matthew de la Hey
John Flanagan
Patrick Ebewo

Andrew Gasnolar
David Gate
Yumna Laher
Jacobus Griessel
Major Mabuza
Unene Manganyi
Thobela Mfeti

Mario Meyer
Nicholas Nhundu
Nhlakanipho Nkwanyana
Frances Omessa
Angela Obwaka
Anthea Paolo

Mario-Mark Ruiters
Gift Pule

2 • Mandela Rhodes Foundation 2012
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 Mr Mandela and the Rhodes Trust, and constitute a leadership development opportunity 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 programme devised for each cohort under the leadership of the Scholarships Manager. This includes attendance at three special leadership development workshops each year.

On page 31 of this Yearbook we set out the Characteristics Sought in a Mandela Rhodes Scholar, which guide the nomination and selection process. The Terms and Conditions attached to the Scholarships may be viewed on our website at www.mandelarhodes.org.

On pages 33 – 68 we introduce more fully the 200 young Africans who make up the first nine cohorts of Mandela Rhodes Scholars: the Classes of 2005-2013, with special emphasis on the Class of 2012.
The Mandela Rhodes Scholars of 2010

Grant Andrews
Andrew Carolin
Adèle Croucamp
Paton Dennison
Asanda Dodi
Sphesihle Dumisa
Clive Eley

Emile Engel
Syabonga Gobingca
Nzizipho Hlononya
Steven Hussey
Yannick Kala Konga
Serge Lomago
Nande Mabona

Oupa Malashela
Athambile Masola
Henny Mavuza
Cara Memjies
Syden Mishi
Petunia Mpoza
Zukiswa Mqolomba

Comfort Ndala
Zimbini Ogla
Shaheen Seedat
Nandipha Sephuma
Elizabeth Vale
Alice Wamundya
Richard Wilkinson

IN LOVING MEMORY OF KRISHNA KHETIA (1988 – 2009)
The Mandela Rhodes Scholars of 2009

Class of 2009
The Mandela Rhodes Scholars of 2008 & 2007

Class of 2008

Matthew Beesar
Anton Botha
Victor Chikadzi
Nobuhli Dangcule
Lionel Faul

Class of 2007

Tristan Askins
Marlon Burgess
Rumbidzai Goredem
Bryony Green

Thandeka Hlangwa
Llewellyn Howes
Simangele Plabeta
Lawrence Mushimbue
Christopher McConnaichie

Graeme Hoddinott
Asila Imisi
Leanne Johansson
Ayanda Khala

Ziluwa Masiwa
Cynthia Mutabazi
Ludvik Kile Nikosi
Carikia Nyarowata
Chipamani Nyirenda

Nyika Maschenjedze
Bonumelo Mgqoqo
David Mamela
Clement Mogodi-Tale

Sundesh Pillay
Tiratiririka Sichikongo
Manenzi Sing
Kim Smith
Damsone Salomano

Kilani Oswald
Lunga Radabe
Judy Sikuza
Daphney Singo

Briswyn Tarr
Thabang Tlaka
Mashile Tsheala

Jeremias Stoi
Cebile Tebele
Sheetal Vallabh
Buhle Zuma

Mandela Rhodes Foundation 2012
The Mandela Rhodes Scholars of 2006 & 2005

**Class of 2006**
- Rachel Adams
- Nyasha Chigwamba
- Zethu Dlamini
- Chet Franzek
- Tristan Gorgens
- Janet Jobson
- Pie-Pacifique Kabalira-Uwase
- Thando Mgqolozana
- Nankululeko Nqini
- Meliza Sakhiku
- Vincent van Bever Donker
- Piet van Rooyen
- Luzelle Von
- Bengumusa Zuma
- Sirika Pillay
- Alex Salo

**Class of 2005**
- Julia Cloete
- Jacques Conradie
- Buntu Godongwana
- Siwe Mjiupa
- Razaan Oppelt
- Harru Niemand
Tributes to Founding MRF Chairman, Professor Jakes Gerwel

‘I remember vividly the first time we met. It was at the inaugural conference of the Institute of Black Studies, at the Wilgepruit Fellowship Centre, in July 1976. The historic events of June 16 had occurred barely a month earlier. A desolate, grim coldness hung over Soweto. There was something fearsome about it. But there was also something “dying to be born”.

That is the context in which I first met Jakes, who sported an Afro hairstyle that clearly marked him out as an activist with purpose. I have looked at his head and his hair many times since then and saw how the assertive hairstyle of 1976 progressively turned into a pushed back silvery grey of enormous dignity.

Some memories of that time came in handy in moments of leadership difficulty in my days as one of Jakes’s deputies at UWC, and thereafter. More recently it struck me how much we, a younger generation in our late twenties and early thirties, must have frustrated elders such as Eskia Mphahlele at that conference whenever we held forth with our “revolutionary” rhetoric. There could have been no other prospect that we must celebrate without him.’

Nyabulo S Ndebele, MRF Chairman

‘It is a simple fact that without Jakes Gerwel’s contribution there would be no Nelson Mandela Centre of Memory. It is also a fact that without Jakes (and, incidentally Phoebe) there would be no Mandela Rhodes Foundation, and no Mandela Rhodes Scholars. Talk about leaving a legacy – these things would be lifetime achievements for most people, but in the case of Jakes they are a couple of sparkling pieces in a much larger kaleidoscope.

Jakes always insisted that since retiring from the Presidency in 1999 he was “not busy”. He certainly didn’t look that way to me, with a crammed schedule and full flight itinerary, but he never appeared flustered and he moved around at a rather stately, unravelling pace. But he did so much, in so many incarnations, that neither his family nor his many friends could ever know everything that was passing through his battered old briefcase having been duly processed by that ever-inquisitive, interrogative, heuristic, exceptional mind.

Jakes gave intellectuals a good name, and South African public intellectuals in particular. He loved South Africa, and our continent. He loved our diversity and even our quarrelsome nature. When The Mandela Rhodes Foundation was brought into being to mark the centenary of the Rhodes Trust, the two of us took off on a journey that would give us especial joy for the next 10 years. With Jakes as Chairman and myself as CEO in charge of a small but committed staff, we were given the opportunity to build Africa’s best postgraduate scholarship and leadership development programme, and to unearth the extraordinarily inspiring talent that resides in the younger generations if given the right opportunities.

I used to watch happily each year as our new Mandela Rhodes Scholars, from first being intimidated by ‘Prof’ as he glowered at them from the head of the selection committee table, came to love him and to sup deeply and affectingly from his profound well of wisdom.

With our respective offices based in the historic Mandela Rhodes Building in Cape Town we were able, with the enthusiastic help of a range of supporters, to steadily build from the ground up to the point where by the time of our 10th anniversary in July 2013 we will have more than 200 Mandela Rhodes Scholars from 17 African countries and we will close in on our target for an endowment for sustainability.

But Jakes will not be there to see the fruits of these labours or to receive deserved accolades for this example of his leadership, among so many others in various fields. It is an intolerably cruel prospect that we must celebrate without him.’

Shaun Johnson, MRF Chief Executive
‘In memory of an illustrious and wise man, and a very fine Chairman.’

- Julian Ogilvie Thompson, MRF Trustee

‘Jakes was a wonderful man and I greatly valued sitting under his Chairmanship at The Mandela Rhodes Foundation for the last 10 years. He did so much for the MRF, as for many other things. He was a great South African. Wish there were more like him.’
- Julian Ogilvie Thompson, MRF Trustee

‘His untimely death leaves the nation poorer, without the man who gave South Africa its intellectual “home of the left”. He challenged racial divides in higher education with unflinching determination and did much for the nation. We will miss him as Trustees of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation and as a broader South African public that has benefited from his leadership.’
- Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, MRF Trustee

‘He had a kind of repose about him that revealed a clarity of mind and a fine judgement based on attentiveness to whatever was the essence of the issue at hand. He also had, I thought, a lovely half-hidden sense of humour.’
- Sir Colin Lucas, former MRF Trustee

‘We will miss his wisdom and calm guidance.’
- Achmat Dangor, former NMF CEO

‘His mind and his heart combined to produce a thoughtful, wise, compassionate and caring human being.’
- Marjie Keeton, MRF Selector

‘I personally will remember him for his passion for Afrikaans, his humbleness, his evident strong friendship with Mr Mandela and his ever so dry sense of humour.’
- Liese Koste, Oxford University Press MD

‘I will forever carry memories of Prof Gerwel as the charismatic and accommodating Chairperson of my Selection Committee, as a speaker who generously volunteered to open the Pretoria Conference of the CMRS in 2010, and as a thoughtful participant in our sometimes provocative workshops.’
- Andy Carolin, MR Scholar 2010, SA & University of Johannesburg

‘May we remember Prof Gerwel forever for his political leadership and for his role as mentor to so many. He is an example to hold dear – gentle yet firm, intellectually brilliant, compassionate, plat oppie aarde, cracking jokes with a deadpan expression.’
- Emile Engel, MR Scholar 2010, SA & University of Cape Town

‘My life journey led to many encounters with the gentle and mischievous, wise and powerful, extraordinary man. Thank you Prof Jakes for everything you have done for South Africa, for the Community of Mandela Rhodes Scholars, and as a gentle giant appearing from time to time in my own life. Go well and rest well, beautiful soul.’
- Janet Jobson, MR Scholar 2006, SA & Rhodes University

‘He was a dear friend of progressives in South Africa and the world over. We will sorely miss his quiet demeanour and sharp intellect. He was an elder and a wise man, a Mkhuluwa.’
- David Maimela, MR Scholar 2007, SA & University of Pretoria

‘I thought I’d share one of my memories of a humble hero who lived amongst us. Almost three years ago I sat at the end of a long table in one of the most nerve wracking interviews – it was to change the course of my life. This man whom I thought looked like a fierce lion with his grey-gold mane, was the most intimidating man in the room (this is what I thought) … Until he threw a curveball at me and asked me to share my thoughts on Isidingo.’
- Zama Ngcobo, MR Scholar 2011, SA & University of Johannesburg

‘RIP Prof Gerwel. It’s been a privilege sharing the vision of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation under your leadership and entrusting us with the responsibility to carry it to the rest of Mother Africa … You won’t be disappointed and I’ll always be grateful for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity you provided me with.’
- Unnel-Teddy Ngoumandjoka, MR Scholar 2009, Gabon & Monash

‘When I first met Prof Jakes, my first thought was that here is a very wise man and that I was meeting a legend. It was later, on hearing him speak that I realised “yes”, my original thoughts were true, but it was more than that. He was real, not just someone to put on a pedestal.’
- Anthea Paelo, MR Scholar 2012, Uganda & University of Johannesburg
Dr John Hood

In late November my colleagues at the Rhodes Trust and I were deeply saddened when we learned of Professor Jakes Gerwel’s untimely passing. Professor Gerwel, who had been involved on behalf of Mr Mandela since the idea of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation was germinated, was a wise, deeply respected Chairman of the Foundation. Together, his humane principles and exceptional breadth of experience, drawn from the worlds of protest, politics, academia, business and NGOs, guided his steady hand on our proceedings.

While we shall miss his reflective leadership and singular vision, his memory will remain strong. I have asked the MRF’s Chief Executive to select a portrait of Jakes to hang in Milner Hall at Rhodes House in Oxford. Successive generations of Scholars and Trustees therefore will have a permanent reminder of a special and distinguished man, who left his indelible mark on the histories of the MRF and The Rhodes Trust.

We were delighted that MRF founding Trustee and long-time colleague, Professor Njabulo Ndebele, accepted the invitation to assume the Chairmanship. A renowned scholar, poet, public intellectual and university leader, he is much admired in Africa and beyond. As we contemplate the second decade of the Foundation and its Scholarships, the Trustees look forward to Professor Ndebele’s leadership of their deliberations.

In his message in this report last year, Jakes wrote about the consensus that has evolved regarding the purpose of the Mandela Rhodes project. He went on to qualify leadership as “leadership with wisdom and integrity” and to lament its relative scarcity throughout the continent. Looking back, it is apparent he was affirming for us the clearest possible mandate for the future.

The planned reunion will provide a unique opportunity to celebrate the many successes of the Foundation’s first decade. This report amply illustrates the impressive achievements and contributions Mandela Rhodes Scholars have already made. As we think about our aspirations for the Foundation, we rightly should take considerable pride in their accomplishments. We also should heed Mr Mandela’s wisdom about organisations. In 1993, he observed: “Our approach was to empower the organisation, to be effective in its leadership.” There is much to learn from our Scholars’ experiences and by engaging with their ideas about the Foundation’s future.

Creating any serious, new organisation is challenging. History teaches us that creating institutions that will endure is even more difficult. Remembering back to 2003, the task of creating a leading African Scholarship programme centred on South African universities and incorporating Mr Mandela’s and the Rhodes Trust’s ideals, as well as securing its financial legacy, seemed daunting. That we will reach this first major anniversary having achieved those objectives is in significant measure because of the outstanding leadership provided by our Chief Executive, the Rhodes Scholar Shaun Johnson.

Shaun has demonstrated unparalleled passion for this most worthy of enterprises; a passion that has captivated not only the Scholars and the many generous donors who have given to the Foundation, but also numerous other individuals and organisations, including our university partners, who have all willingly engaged with the MRF. We should be immensely grateful to Shaun and his colleagues for what they have accomplished and for the manner in which they have gone about their task. For they have surely succeeded with the establishment of an institution in which culture and practice truly do reflect the leadership values of the two Founding Partners.

At the Rhodes Trust, we have been delighted that 19 Mandela Rhodes Scholars so far have chosen to pursue further studies in the UK. They represent around 10 per cent of the cohort of Scholars since the inception of the Mandela Rhodes programme. Of those who have come to this country, 10 have won Rhodes Scholarships to Oxford. These Mandela Rhodes/ Rhodes Scholars are studying for, or have completed, 14 degrees, including five doctorates.

In addition to those on Rhodes Scholarships, a further five Mandela Rhodes Scholars have also ventured to Oxford: one on a Commonwealth Scholarship, another on a Laurie Dippenaar Scholarship and three who have been independently funded. The remaining four have attended other English universities.

Owing to the popularity of Oxford graduate study among the Mandela Rhodes community, it is worth noting that Oxford continues to expand its canon of graduate programmes. These programmes reflect the exceptional range and quality of scholarship and research being undertaken throughout the university. They have been carefully designed to prepare graduates for the multitude of career opportunities awaiting them. At Oxford, graduate study is especially enriched by the interdisciplinary, collegiate character of the university and by the highly talented international community of students, two thirds of whom are drawn from more than 140 countries. In consequence, we anticipate warmly welcoming many more Mandela Rhodes Scholars to Oxford.

As I write this note we are aware that, Mr Mandela regrettably has been struggling with the recurrence of a lung infection. I know I convey the sentiments of the entire Rhodes community in wishing him comfort and a full recovery. As President Clinton observes in the foreword to the new edition of Mr Mandela’s autobiography, Long Walk to Freedom, Mr Mandela determined during his prolonged years of imprisonment never to let his heart or his mind be taken from him. That extraordinary resolve allowed him enthusiastically to join together with the Rhodes Trust, as Founding Partners, to launch the MRF. His was a supreme symbol of reconciliation and will remain for all time an unparalleled inspiration for the leadership ambitions of our Scholars.

A decade on, the future for the MRF has never been brighter or more exciting.

John Hood, Chairman
The Rhodes Trust
Oxford
A Review by the Chief Executive

Shaun Johnson

How does one write about an organisation’s superlative year just gone by when that success also came with irreparable loss? For The Mandela Rhodes Foundation, 2012 was a year filled with excitement and achievement in our continuing mission to help develop exceptional young leaders in Africa, but it ended with the sudden illness and unimaginable loss of our founding Chairman, Professor Gert Johannes ‘Jakes’ Gerwel.

The selection of tributes from Mandela Rhodes colleagues that appear on the opening pages of this Yearbook (the pages on which for seven years Jakes set down his perceptive Chairman’s reflections of the period under review), are heartfelt and written with a deep understanding of what a special man Jakes was. But inevitably they are unable to convey fully what he meant and means to this Foundation, to its flagship Mandela Rhodes Scholarships programme, and to me and many others personally.

The appreciations will be more accurately reflective of the totality of Jakes’s contribution and presence if they are seen within the embrace of the larger book you are reading: look hard enough into the faces of the remarkable array of young Mandela Rhodes Scholars that are pictured, and you will surely see a reflection of ‘Prof’s’ impish almost-smile, and his influence, somewhere.

Of course Jakes would have wanted us to continue with the work, and to keep redoubling our efforts to increase our impact for good and achievement in our continuing mission to help develop exceptional young leaders in Africa, but it ended with the sudden illness and unimaginable loss of our founding Chairman, Professor Gert Johannes ‘Jakes’ Gerwel.

I would like to close this year’s review, tinged as it is by sadness, with a last observation about the affection in which our founding Chairman was held and the quality of people he attracted to himself. I could not help but notice how, without making any fuss about it, Trustee John Hood, Professor Njabulo Ndebele, and Mr Julian Ogilvie Thompson as well as from longstanding independent Committee Chairs Mr Mustaq Brey and Mr Tim Cumming, was invaluable to me as CEO. (It needs to be recorded too, Thompson stepped in unhesitatingly when asked to become Acting Chairman in December.) And as always, it is a fact that without the commitment and support of the MRF team, none of the Foundation’s achievements would be possible.

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Other memorable aspects of the year for me included an invitation to address the Global Scholars Symposium in Oxford in May, and to return to Rhodes House in September to give an update on the MRF to Rhodes Scholars attending Oxford Alumni Week. The Scholar year ended on a high note with the Community of Mandela Rhodes Scholars’ fifth annual conference, held on the Bloemfontein campus of the University of the Free State for the first time. The keynote speaker, the eminent South African business figure Bobby Godsell, delivered a riveting address and the conference featured wide-ranging and robust debate as is typical when Mandela Rhodes Scholars gather. It was pleasing to note, too, that strong interest was shown in the elections for leadership positions in the alumni organisation, demonstrating a healthy degree of commitment to volunteerism among our Scholars once they have completed their time in residence.

On the crucial matter of long-term financial sustainability, it has from the very outset been the goal of the MRF to build a preserved endowment that will sustain the Mandela Rhodes Scholarships programme at least at its current levels in perpetuity. The further fundraising successes in 2012 meant that I was able to report to the Board of Trustees with confidence that the target set in July 2003 for the first 10 years, can be achieved in 2013.

The guidance of the MRF’s Executive Committee (in 2012 Professor Gerwel, Dr John Hood, Professor Njabulo Ndebele, and Mr Julian Ogilvie Thompson) as well as from longstanding independent Committee Chairs Mr Mustaq Brey and Mr Tim Cumming, was invaluable to me as CEO. (It needs to be recorded too, Thompson stepped in unhesitatingly when asked to become Acting Chairman in December.) And as always, it is a fact that without the commitment and support of the MRF team, none of the Foundation’s achievements would be possible.

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The Mandela Rhodes Foundation
Cape Town
The Mandela Rhodes Trustees

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 73 – 81 of this Yearbook.

Members of the Board of Trustees pictured in Milner Hall at Rhodes House, Oxford, in March 2012.

Front row: Dr John Hood; Justice Yvonne Mokgoro; Professor Jakes Gerwel (Chairman); the Hon Mrs Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka
Back row: Mr Shaun Johnson (Chief Executive); Dr Mo Ibrahim; Dr Donald Markwell; Professor Njabulo Ndebele; Mr John McCall MacBain

Mr Julian Ogilvie Thompson
Dr John Hood
Rhodes Nominee

John Hood is Chair of the Rhodes Trust. He studied at the University of Auckland and as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford. Dr Hood is President and CEO of the Robertson Foundation, a director of BG Group and Chairperson of Study Group, Matakana Limited and Urenco Limited. He was Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford (2004 - 2009) and Vice Chancellor of the University of Auckland (1999 - 2004). He joined the Board of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation in 2012.

Professor Njabulo Ndebele
Mandela Nominee

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

Dr Mohamed Ibrahim
Mandela Nominee

Mo Ibrahim is a global expert in mobile communications with a distinguished academic and business career. More recently, he played a leading advocacy role on African development and governance. Dr Ibrahim founded Celtel International in 1998, which developed mobile networks in Sub Saharan Africa, and in 2006 he established the Mo Ibrahim Foundation to support good governance and leadership in Africa. He is Founding Chairman of Satya Capital Limited, an African investment fund. Dr Ibrahim joined the Board of the MRF in 2012.

Mr Julian Ogilvie Thompson
Rhodes Nominee

Julian Ogilvie Thompson recently retired as a Director of De Beers South Africa. A Rhodes Scholar, he joined Anglo American Corporation and became Chairman of Mincoro, of De Beers, of Anglo American Corporation, and of Anglo American plc. He was Vice Chairman of the Urban Foundation and Director of the National Business Initiative. Mr Ogilvie Thompson is a Rhodes Trustee and has been a founding Mandela Rhodes Trustee since 2003.

Professor GJ Gerwel (Chairman)
Mandela Nominee

Jakes Gerwel was Vice-Chancellor of the University of the Western Cape from 1987 to 1994, Director-General in President Mandela’s office and Secretary of the Cabinet of the Government of National Unity from 1994 to 1999. He held leading positions in a wide range of organisations, and was Chancellor of Rhodes University. He held honorary professorships at UWC and the University of Pretoria. He was the founding Chairperson of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation. Professor Gerwel passed away suddenly in November 2012.

Justice Yvonne Mokgoro
Mandela Nominee

Yvonne Mokgoro has stepped down from the bench at the Constitutional Court having served a full 15-year term. She now serves as Judge in the office of the Chief Justice. She also serves on a number of law bodies, trusts and boards. She has taught Law at South African, British, American and Dutch universities, and holds a number of honorary Professorships and doctorates in South Africa and abroad. Justice Mokgoro has been a founding Trustee of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation since 2003.

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The Hon Mrs Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka
Mandela Nominee

Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka was elected a Member of Parliament in South Africa’s first democratic elections in 1994. She held a variety of senior African National Congress and government posts, including that of Deputy President of Republic of South Africa (2005 – 2008); the first woman to do so. Mrs Mlambo-Ngcuka has been a founding Trustee of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation since 2003.

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Dr John Hood
Mr Shaun Johnson
Professor Njabulo Ndebele
Mr Julian Ogilvie Thompson

Finance/Audit/Risk Committee
Mr Mustaq Brey (Chair)
Mr Tim Cumming
Professor GJ Gerwel
Mr Julian Ogilvie Thompson

Investment Committee
Mr Tim Cumming (Chair)
Professor GJ Gerwel
Mr Shaun Johnson
Mr Julian Ogilvie Thompson

Remuneration Committee
Professor GJ Gerwel (Chair)
Mr Julian Ogilvie Thompson

The Mandela Rhodes Staff

The staff composition of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation has remained consistent since 2010, and includes full-time and part-time members. The Mandela Rhodes team, pictured here in the garden of the Bishopscourt leadership development facility in Cape Town, are (from left to right):

Shaun Johnson (Chief Executive)
Shirley Naidu (Bishopscourt Manager)
Pumeza Jodwana (Nominations and Selections Co-ordinator)
Vivien Sebastian (Scholarships Administrator)
Julia Brown (Executive Assistant in the Office of the CEO; HR Officer)
Shivon Philand (Bookkeeper)
Pam Barron (Executive Assistant in the Office of the Chair; Property Manager)
Carmen Sebastian (Accounts Clerk)
Ernst Gerber (Chief Financial Officer)
Theresa Laaka Daniels (Deputy CEO and Scholarships Manager)
Organisational Structure

The Mandela Rhodes Foundation

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Nelson Mandela

Rhodes Trust

Chairperson (Rhodes Nominee to 2013)

Trustee (Mandela Nominee)
Trustee (Mandela Nominee)
Trustee (Mandela Nominee)
Trustee (Rhodes Nominee)
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Trustee (Rhodes Nominee)

Executive Committee

Investment Committee
Finance/Audit/Risk Committee
Remuneration Committee

Chief Executive

Scholarships Manager/Deputy CEO

Nomination & Selection Co-ordinator
Scholarships Administrator

Executive Assistant/HR Officer
(Office of the CEO)

Executive Assistant/Property Manager
(Office of the Chairman)

Chief Financial Officer

Bookkeeper

Accounts Clerk

Bishopscourt Manager
Milestones of the Mandela Rhodes Foundation 2012

The Class of 2012, the eighth cohort of Mandela Rhodes Scholars, experienced a full and varied year of leadership development activities, beginning in January with the introductory workshop at the Chapman’s Peak Hotel, and culminating in the completion events and fifth conference of the Community of Mandela Rhodes Scholars in September, held in Bloemfontein for the first time. The pictorial pages that follow illustrate the year’s journey, picking up on the highlights of 2012 for the Foundation and its Scholars.

January
The Introductory Workshop

The Class of 2012 gets together as a group for the first time at the introductory workshop held in Cape Town, just across the road from Hout Bay beach. The three-day workshop is facilitated as usual by the Scholarships team, supported by the CEO, and there are inputs from invited speakers. There are visits to Groote Schuur; Rhodes Cottage (where the Scholars are pictured) and the Mandela Rhodes Building.

January
Groote Schuur Estate

As has become tradition at the introductory workshop, the new cohort is given a private tour of Groote Schuur, the great mansion Cecil John Rhodes donated to the people of South Africa. Situated on the presidential estate and therefore subject to tight security, the house is a museum containing priceless artefacts. Scholars are given a unique insight into the life and times of Rhodes, the complex and controversial colossus of the 19th century.
February

Media Coverage Of The New Class

With universities across South Africa routinely competing to see which can produce the most Mandela Rhodes Scholars each year, the results of the final selection interviews are eagerly awaited and widely publicised by the successful institutions. Universities showcase the success of their elected Mandela Rhodes Scholars as an indication of high academic standards – and also to provide aspirational role models for undergraduates. The media also covers the non-academic exploits of Scholars.

March

11th Meeting Of The Board Of Trustees

The Board of Trustees meets for the 11th time, this year in the Beit Room at Rhodes House in Oxford. It is the practice of the Foundation to alternate the annual meeting of the full board between Rhodes House, headquarters of the Rhodes Trust, and the Mandela Rhodes Building, home of the MRF in Cape Town. The inaugural meeting of the Board of Trustees took place at Rhodes House in 2003, with the Patron, Nelson Mandela, present.
Milestones of the Mandela Rhodes Foundation 2012

March
Trustees’ Luncheon

Prior to the business of the Board meeting, Trustees are able to catch up with one another’s doings since they were last together – members of the Board are based in various countries around the world. Here The Mandela Rhodes Foundation’s newest Trustee, the eminent entrepreneur and philanthropist Dr Mo Ibrahim (right), is in conversation with John McCall MacBain, fellow entrepreneur and philanthropist, and Rhodes Scholar, Rhodes, and Mandela Rhodes Trustee.

March
Rhodes House Dinner To Honour Oup

One of the most important and productive partnerships in the history of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation is that with Oxford University Press (OUP) Southern Africa – a collaboration which has led to the establishment of several new Mandela Rhodes Scholarships and cemented the close relationship between Oxford University and the MRF. At a dinner to honour OUP, Rhodes Trust Chairman Dr John Hood welcomes OUP CEO Nigel Portwood.
March
Rhodes Scholars Visit MRF In Cape Town

Rhodes Scholars in residence who share a particular interest in Africa arrange a group visit to South Africa. As has been the case in previous years, a highlight of the trip is a visit to the Mandela Rhodes Building and an interaction between Rhodes and Mandela Rhodes Scholars. Pictured here, after intensive discussions, a group of Scholars gather in the Mandela Rhodes lobby to record their visit.

May
MRF Addresses Global Scholars Symposium

The Global Scholars Symposium, which brings together current beneficiaries of the world’s most prestigious scholarships programmes – including Rhodes, Commonwealth, Fulbright, Marshall, Gates, Chevening, and many others – is hosted by Rhodes House. MRF Chief Executive Shaun Johnson is invited to give a presentation to delegates entitled ‘Finding the New Mandelas’, a description of the MRF’s leadership development work in Africa.
May
Mandela Rhodes Scholars At Oxford

A pleasing spin-off from the Mandela Rhodes partnership has been the number of Mandela Rhodes Scholars who continue their postgraduate studies at Oxford University, on a Rhodes or other scholarship. Here Clive Eley (MR Scholar South Africa & Rhodes University 2010), one of the many Mandela Rhodes Scholars currently studying at Oxford, stands in Milner Hall to speak to delegates at the Global Scholars Symposium.

May
CMRS Puts On Conversations For Change

The Community of Mandela Rhodes Scholars decides to organise ‘Conversations for Change’ in various regions across South Africa. These are a resounding success. In the Western Cape, the panel comprises Professor Brian O’Connell, Dr Mamphela Ramphele, Rhoda Kadalie, Athambile Masola (MR Scholar South Africa & Rhodes 2010), Judy Sikuza (MR Scholar SA & NMMU 2007; CMRS Chairperson), and Minister Trevor Manuel.
Milestones of the Mandela Rhodes Foundation 2012

May
Visit From Northwestern University, USA

Mandela Rhodes Scholar Elnari Potgieter (South Africa & Stellenbosch 2012) brings a delegation from Northwestern University in the United States to see the Mandela Rhodes Building and to hear the Mandela Rhodes story of helping to build new generations of excellent, ethical leaders on the African continent. The delegation tours the building, hears a presentation, and mingles with Mandela Rhodes Scholars and the Foundation’s staff.

June
Bishopscourt Visits

The Bishopscourt facility, regularly used for MRF and Rhodes Trust functions, as well as playing a key role as the venue for the final interviews of the Mandela Rhodes Selection Committee, is also a place of great interest to visitors. Here Sabrina Agathine and Sabrina Belle, visitors from the Seychelles Young Leaders Development Programme, are pictured during a private visit to Mr Mandela’s former Cape Town home.
July
School Visit On Mandela Day

As part of its Mandela Day activities, the Foundation and its 2012 cohort interact with schools in the Cape Town area. Chairman of the MRF Professor Jakes Gerwel takes time out to sit with the Principal of the WD Hendricks Primary School, Graham Swartz and reads to youngsters. Books and toys are donated by divisions of Naspers, and by the Grade 6 class of St Cyprian’s School.

July
Scholars Meet Young Leaders On Mandela Day

Mandela Rhodes Scholars interact with students at Maitland High School as part of the Class of 2012’s Mandela Day activities. The youngsters are engaged in discussion about leadership qualities and are encouraged to aspire to be Mandela Rhodes Scholars, like their visitors. MR Scholars 2012 Matthew de la Hey (SA & SU) and Francis Omesa (Kenya & SU) are pictured with some of the pupils from Maitland High School.
Milestones of the Mandela Rhodes Foundation 2012

**July**

**Mandela Day at Rhodes House**

The staff of the Rhodes Trust, in conjunction with Rhodes Scholars in residence and other supporters, organise a celebratory gathering to mark Mandela Day in Oxford. The turnout is exceptional and the atmosphere memorable. Scholars in residence record a birthday video message for the MRF’s Patron, and the event is addressed by the National Secretary of the Rhodes Scholarships in the United States, Elliot Gerson.

**July**

**The Mid-Year Workshop**

Devon Valley near Stellenbosch hosts the Class of 2012’s mid-year workshop. Focussing on the complex topic of reconciliation, the workshop also features group exercises. Pictured clockwise, Scholars David Gate (Zimbabwe & NMMU), Nhlanipho Nkwanyana (SA & Zululand), Stanford Chinoyai (Zimbabwe & NMMU), Elnari Potgieter (SA & SU), Angela Obwaka (Kenya & UJ), Mario-Mark Ruiter (SA & SU) and Major Mabuza (SA & Tshwane).
MILESTONES OF THE MANDELA RHODES FOUNDATION 2012

JULY
Devon Valley Discussions

Although the programme for the mid-year workshop is especially intense, there is time for Scholars to interact informally in the beautiful surrounds of Devon Valley. Pictured here are 2012 Scholars Thobela Mfeti (SA & UCT), Danielle Bowler (SA & Rhodes), Elnari Potgieter (SA & Stellenbosch), Mario Meyer (SA & UWC), and Yumna Laher (SA & Wits). At this workshop there is also a focus on entrepreneurship.

AUGUST
Cape Town Hosts Nelson Mandela Lecture

The 10th Nelson Mandela Annual Lecture comes to Cape Town for the first time, and The Mandela Rhodes Foundation and its Scholars are well represented at the glittering affair in the Cape Town City Hall. Former President of the Republic of Ireland Mary Robinson delivers a well-received address in the presence of Mrs Graça Machel, Professor Jakes Gerwel, and Executive Mayor Patricia de Lille, pictured below.
August
Mary Robinson visits MRF

Mary Robinson visits the Mandela Rhodes Building the day after delivering the Nelson Mandela Annual Lecture and spends time with Mandela Rhodes Scholars discussing the principles and practices of leadership. Mrs Robinson is accompanied by her husband Nicholas Robinson and Irish Ambassador Brendan McMahon. She is pictured in the MRF boardroom with Scholars and Foundation staff.

August
Scholars Meet Secretary Clinton

Accompanied by the MRF’s CEO and Deputy CEO, Cape-based Scholars have the opportunity to meet the visiting United States Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, at the University of the Western Cape. Mrs Clinton was present with her husband, former President and Rhodes Scholar Bill Clinton, at the launch of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation in London and Oxford in July 2003, and she expresses delight at the progress made by the MRF since then.
September
MRF REPORTS PROGRESS AT OXFORD ALUMNI WEEK

MRF Chief Executive Shaun Johnson shares a platform with Rhodes Trust Chairman and MRF Trustee Dr John Hood, and Rhodes and MRF Trustee John McCall MacBain, at a report-back at Rhodes House during Oxford Alumni Week. Rhodes Scholars from several generations are gathered, and express great interest in hearing what has been achieved since the idea of the MRF was first announced at the Centenary celebrations of the Rhodes Trust.

September
LUNCH FOR BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER AT MRF

British High Commissioner Dame Nicola Brewer, accompanied by Consul-General Christopher Trott, visits the Mandela Rhodes Building to see what has been described as one of the most exciting South Africa-United Kingdom bilateral partnerships. At a luncheon in her honour, with Scholars and MRF staff, Dame Nicola says she is extremely impressed and looks forward to helping celebrate the Foundation’s 10th anniversary in 2013.
September
Completion Workshop For Class Of 2012

To the astonishment of the Class of 2012 as to how swiftly the year in residence has passed, the completion workshop gets under way in Bloemfontein. Each member of the cohort has the opportunity to tell their ‘life story’ as part of the facilitated programme, and the workshop closes with the presentation of individual Mandela Rhodes Foundation commemorative shields to Scholars.

September
Farewells In Bloemfontein

Mandela Rhodes Scholar John Flanagan (SA & UKZN 2012) gets the Class of 2012 energised as the completion workshop brings to an end their year in residence as Scholars. Pictured are David Gate (Zimbabwe & NMMU), Yumna Laher (SA & Wits), Mario Meyer (SA & UWC), Francis Omesa (Kenya & Stellenbosch), Mario-Mark Ruiters (SA & Stellenbosch), John Flanagan (SA & UKZN), and Mark John Burke (SA & UCT).
September
Fifth Conference Of The Alumni

Immediately after the Class of 2012’s completion workshop, the 5th Annual Conference of the Community of Mandela Rhodes Scholars takes place on the campus of the University of the Free State. A highlight is the keynote address by illustrious South African business figure Bobby Godsell, pictured below, who talks about leadership in the 21st century to Scholars from former cohorts, joined by the current Class.

October
Selecting The Class Of 2013

With leadership development activities for the current cohort completed, the selection process for the Class of 2013 comes to its final stage. The Selection Committee gathers at the BishopsCourt facility to begin the process of choosing the next year’s Scholars. Pictured are Theresa Laaka Daniels, Irene Menell, Achmat Dangor, Professor Jakes Gerwel (in the Chair), Shaun Johnson, Professor Njabulo Ndebele, and Margie Keeton.
October
Honouring A Major Gift From Old Mutual

Following the decision by Old Mutual to establish new Scholarships, a celebratory dinner is held in the boardroom of the Mandela Rhodes Building, attended by Old Mutual and MRF executives, the MRF Chairman, and Scholars. Pictured after the event are Katie Murray, Ernst Gerber, Tim Cumming, Ralph Mupita, Thobela Mfeti, Theresa Laaka Daniels, Matthew de la Hey, Professor Jakes Gerwel, Patrick Ebewo, Shaun Johnson, Mohale Ralebitso, and David Gate.

November
MRF At Dakar Conference

The Chief Executive Officer represents The Mandela Rhodes Foundation at the annual conference of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation, held this year in Dakar, Senegal. The theme is ethical leadership in Africa and many of the continent’s most influential figures attend at the invitation of the renowned entrepreneur, philanthropist, and MRF Trustee. Pictured here are Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Dr Mo Ibrahim and Shaun Johnson.
To: The Mandela Rhodes community  
From: Shaun Johnson, CEO  
6th December 2012

Dear Mandela Rhodes community

LEVERHULME TRUST APPROVES SECOND SIGNIFICANT GRANT TO MRF

At the risk of overburdening your inboxes, I felt we had to share some wonderful news after the heartache of the past fortnight at the MRF.

We have just been informed that The Leverhulme Trust (as you know, one of our most generous and longstanding supporters) has approved our application for a further grant to the Mandela Rhodes Scholarships programme of £2.5 million (R35 million at today’s exchange rates)! This means we will meet our very challenging fundraising target in time for the 10th Anniversary and Reunion events in July next year.

We express our deepest appreciation to the Trustees of The Leverhulme Trust for this extremely generous gift, which cements our sustainability, and for their continuing confidence in the work we do.

With kind regards

Shaun Johnson

November

Leverhulme Approves Extraordinary gift

In terms of financial sustainability, the year ends with the extraordinarily good news that The Leverhulme Trust has approved a second major grant to The Mandela Rhodes Foundation, which will bring the Trust’s contribution to £5m over a 10 year period. The decision is a significant vote of confidence in the MRF’s work as The Leverhulme Trust makes second awards only in exceptional circumstances.

November

Luncheon For Friends Of The MRF USA

Rhodes Scholar and President of the Friends of the MRF, Ian Glenday, pays a visit to the MRF. He is pictured here with Eugene Davids (SA & UWC 2012), Andrew Gasnolar (SA & UWC 2012), Haploe Maranyane (Lesotho & UCT 2009), Danielle Bowler (SA & Rhodes 2012), Maletsabisa Molapo (Lesotho & UCT 2011), Mario Meyer (SA & UWC 2012), Francis Omessa (Kenya & Stellenbosch 2012) and Matt de la Hey (SA & Stellenbosch 2012).
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, kindliness, unselfishness and fellowship;

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

The Trustees of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation
Cape Town, South Africa, 2005
Mandela Rhodes Scholarships are tenable at recognised South African institutions of higher learning, and offer unique educational and leadership development opportunities to talented young Africans who display the potential evoked in the document Characteristics Sought in a Mandela Rhodes Scholar, set out on page 31 of this Yearbook. Nominees 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 nomination and selection system, co-ordinated by a designated staff member reporting to the Scholarships Manager at the Foundation. The ‘search’ to ‘select’ process occurs over several months of each year, and the Foundation benefits from extraordinary co-operation by nominating institutions, and in particular from dedicated liaison persons on the various campuses. The nomination and selection process usually culminates in October of each year, when a high-calibre and highly experienced selection committee interviews the finalists, and names the Mandela Rhodes Scholars to take up their Scholarships in the new year.

The eighth Mandela Rhodes Scholarships final Selection Committee (pictured on this page), gathered in Cape Town in October 2011.
‘My year as a Mandela Rhodes scholar’: experiences of the class of 2012

January 2012

‘You never stop learning, whether it’s about yourself, about other people, or knowledge about the world.’

July 2012

‘Laughter therapy – an incredible journey for the cohort. Suspending ourselves and giving in to a new experience challenged the divisions amongst us and the journey from days 1 to 3 really showed how reconciliation takes place. It’s important for people to be exposed to things that challenge their character and beliefs. Music and reconciliation, a beautiful project and a key part of this workshop; the part that really united everyone through sharing important parts of ourselves. Solms-Delta and meeting Mark Solms – my favourite, and a beautiful, humbling experience. I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to hear such a phenomenal story of reconciliation in action. Maitland reminded me why I’m here and what’s important in life. I was so inspired by the school, the pupils, and the teachers. Red Oak/Transforming Minds did a fantastic presentation, so energetic and interesting. A highlight of the final day that challenged my thinking. I had the most beautiful, humbling and challenging weekend. Moments that inspired me, angered me, saddened me and made me so happy all at the same time. There was tension in the cohort on day one and by day three there was reconciliation.

September 2012

‘How do I express myself about an experience so profoundly transformative? It seems far beyond what I can communicate. Thank you for creating the space in which I could truly be 100 percent authentic, for creating a space where family was fostered. I am overwhelmed by the care and love, appreciation and support. To the entire Foundation, how did you manage to collect such an incredible group of people in one organisation? I have learned so much from all of you. Every last one. This is not the end, neither is it the last reflection you will receive from me; P.S. I do hope you will all be at my album launch (London or New York) very soon.’

January 2012

‘I realised that there’s always someone better than you but you must always strive to be the best of yourself.’

July 2012

‘Thank you so much to The Mandela Rhodes Foundation for the experience and organisation. The accommodation and food (at the mid-year leadership workshop) was so awesome, and I really liked it. Learning-wise, however, I feel that I learnt more in the first workshop compared to this one. But this workshop gave me time and space to reflect on my own life and to try to realise who I am, where I am going, what I want, why I act the way I do … the list is endless. To be honest I am a bit confused about myself and my personal situation, but in a good way. My highlight was the final presentation on entrepreneurship which gave me more enlightenment and understanding of the business world.’

September 2012

‘Mandela Rhodes Foundation, thank you for the confidence you bestowed on us as a cohort in general and myself as an individual in having us organise the completion workshop ourselves. I really learnt a lot from the experience and developed personally in communication, time and project management skills. Please maintain the idea of life reflections at the end of the year as it gives Scholars the chance to reflect on their own lives and discover themselves. Thank you for accepting our preferred presenters and ideas; it was really cool. I am excited about leaving because I have been empowered through the year and it’s time I put it into practice.’

January 2012

‘I’ve learnt that I have spent a large part of my life in a small space.’

July 2012

‘This was a great weekend venue for a Mandela Rhodes leadership workshop. The food and lodgings were really nice. I particularly enjoyed the insights from Professor Jakes Gerwel and Professor Mark Solms. The session presented by Transforming Minds, on the subject of entrepreneurship, was incredibly insightful and might be the highlight of the weekend for me. Lali Dangazele, Mandela Rhodes Scholar 2008, also presented an interesting and entertaining session. Some of the low points were where there was self-praise and I though the Gotto group took too much time explaining fairly simple concepts. I also do not in general enjoy long, seated, monotone, lecture-style meetings – I tend to enjoy more interactive sessions. I acknowledge that I was the only person to sit out on the yoga sessions, so I cannot judge their effectiveness, but I still feel that insisting on things like yoga or meditation at these workshops will exclude some people. Having said that, I thank The Mandela Rhodes Foundation for the trouble taken on us as Scholars and the investment made.’

September 2012

‘What a year 2012 has been. I can remember few things that have made me as happy as driving with a dynamic and select group of young people over the winding roads of Constantia Nek towards the Chapman’s Peak Hotel for our first workshop. What a blessing it has been to be part of this cohort. 2012, like all years, had many trials and tribulations. I found it challenging to make the jump from taught undergraduate courses to independent postgraduate research work, as well as leaving behind the familiar town of Potchefstroom for the beautiful city of Cape Town. The poet Wordsworth wrote “As tempted more, more able to endure. As more exposed to suffering and distress, thence also more alive to tenderness.” I can now look back on a year that has allowed me to grow in ways I did not imagine possible before.’

Danielle Bowler
Rhodes University
Masters: Politics & International Studies
Danielle was born in 1988 in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. She is completing her degree as a MR Scholar. Danielle is pursuing a career in music performance and writing.

Stanford Chinayai
Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
Honours: Quantity Surveying
Stanford was born in 1988 in Harare, Zimbabwe. He completed his degree as a MR Scholar and is a Junior Quantity Surveying Consultant. He plans to register for an MSc. Stanford was elected to the CMRS Board.

Mark John Burke
University of Cape Town
Masters: Computer Science
Mark John was born in 1989 in the Free State, South Africa. He is completing his degree as a MR Scholar, and will do research on Artificial Intelligence in Belgium. He enjoys running and rows for UCT. Mark enjoys Time Magazine and The Economist.
Eugene Davids
University of the Western Cape
Masters: Child & Family Studies
Eugene was born in 1989 in Cape Town, South Africa. He is completing his degree as a MR Scholar. The focus of his research is family structure and the goals and aspirations of youth within the Western Cape.

Matthew de la Hey
Stellenbosch University
Honours: Accounting
Matthew was born in 1990 in Petermaritzburg, SA. He completed his degree as a MR Scholar, and will write the SAICA ITC exam after backpacking and volunteering in India. He will walk the Camino de Santiago before starting an MSc in African Studies at Oxford University. Matthew will also work with Inkululeko.

Patrick Ebewo
Tshwane University of Technology
Masters: Entrepreneurship
Patrick was born in 1986 in Urua Inyang, Nigeria. He is completing his degree as a MR Scholar. Patrick is moderating an entrepreneurial intervention programme and advising a business chamber. He is also involved in creating awareness of the environment and social upliftment.

January 2012
'So much more to learn and do, I feel so inspired.'

July 2012
'The past few days have allowed me to reflect on my life and helped me grow greatly. The laughing therapy, as difficult as it seemed at first, helped me realise there is more to life than being serious. I was also able to open myself to self-discovery through the music section of the workshop. I was truly grateful for the overall experience as it takes self-discovery to aid growth as an individual and this workshop was the platform that assisted in my growth. The interaction with the children at Maitland High was most moving and humbling at the same time. The introduction to the musical experience could be limited in the future, but the actual music activity did wonders.'

September 2012
'My experience as a Scholar has allowed for a journey of self-discovery and allowed for personal growth and development. I was blessed with the gift of education and friendship and this is the most valuable of all gifts the world has to offer. I have been inspired to be an individual who takes pride in being an African and developing a deeper love for Africa and my fellow brothers and sisters. The journey has helped to shed light in the darkness and to allow my inner being to be a lamp thatbrightens my journey and to share it with those around me. The reasons for me being awarded this Scholarship are still unknown to me but I’m humbled and truly blessed to be granted this gift. Every so often we find that there are events along this journey of life that shape and mould one into being an even better human being. Being awarded the Mandela Rhodes Scholarship was exactly one of those events. It afforded me the opportunity to pursue postgraduate studies; it also created the platform for networking and meeting some of the most amazing and influential individuals on the African continent. My experiences would definitely not have been possible if it were not for the interactions with the Mandela Rhodes Scholars and the Foundation. In reflection on this remarkable year, I leave with the passion and hunger for the enhancement of the African continent and its entire people.'

January 2012
'I learnt not to feel isolated or discouraged, because there are other young people just like you who want to change the world!'

July 2012
'A great few days. The trip and experience of Solms-Delta was great. I only wish we had had more time with Professor Mark Solms. The workshop venue, et cetera, was outstanding – (though I think) we should have tried to show more Scholars the University of Stellenbosch. I think things like Laughing Yoga are important, and although it was quite silly I enjoyed it. I was disturbed to see that some Scholars refused to participate, as I think it is important to help people let go and lighten up a bit. The entrepreneurship/innovation session was good and vital for development. The Reverend Dr Maluza was hilarious and should become a regular feature! I do not enjoy self-aggrandising presentations, but I found Lali’s (Dangazele, Mandela Rhodes Scholar 2008) and Tiepang’s (Majara, Mandela Rhodes Scholar 2009) very good and helpful. Although I was initially very sceptical, the music session turned out to be awesome and a good forum for expression and reflection. A great time and lovely to spend time with the Scholars — thanks to the Mandela Rhodes for this opportunity. I lay in bed and it really hit home how lucky I am to be a part of this. My fellow Scholars and the MRF staff, although sometimes complex, are truly inspirational, challenging and incredible individuals.'

September 2012
'It has been a great workshop and a great year! This experience has changed my mind and the way I think — it has challenged my prejudices and beliefs. I will treasure the friendships that I have made across the continent. I am proud of how we have developed as a cohort, I now feel more prepared to go out into the world. This MRF experience has helped me to begin the journey of uncovering my “centre of power”. I am so glad to be a member of the Mandela Rhodes family and to know my name will forever be on the wall of the Mandela Rhodes Building alongside remarkable Africans. I appreciated being able to gain a deeper understanding of our continent and its people and the resolve this has given me to work towards doing my bit to make it a better place.'

January 2012
'I learnt that we are all responsible for the development of our continent.’

July 2012
'Thank you to The Mandela Rhodes Foundation for providing, once more, a platform for exchange between us Scholars. This workshop offered an opportunity to gain understanding about myself from the music in leadership presentation. It was also an inspiring experience at Maitland High, working with other Scholars for a common purpose. A highlight was Professor Mark Solms’ presentation at Solms-Delta — and the wonderful wine! Once again, I must thank The MRF for the opportunity to be a Mandela Rhodes Scholar.’

September 2012
‘I wished this year wouldn’t end. However, I believe we still have a long trip ahead of all of us. Thank you MRF for the opportunity and trust me when I say I will utilise this to my full potential. I now have a mandate to fulfil Mandela’s and Rhodes’ developmental agenda for Africa. I’ve been refilled, gassed up, for the challenge ahead as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. I hereby request your continuing help in reaching this potential. I’ve been an agent of change, thanks to the MRF; I’ll never stop being one. And thanks for the opportunity to network with fellow Africans — this was one of the many reasons I applied for the Scholarship. Through the workshops, I was able to gain more useful insights about myself, particularly on reconciliation and integrity. The Scholarship also influenced my faculty in supporting my international conference attendance for international exposure.’
My year as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar: experiences of the class of 2012

John Flanagan
University of KwaZulu-Natal
Masters: Agricultural Economics

John was born in 1989 in Harare, Zimbabwe. He is completing his degree as a MR Scholar. John is passionate about his church, and is closely involved with a community project teaching the unemployed urban agriculture skills. He loves the outdoors, hiking, horse riding, the ocean and a wild kind of beauty.

Jan 2012
‘It was an amazing weekend with the privilege of meeting and being inspired by people with passion and vision for Africa.’

July 2012
An amazing time of building friends, appreciating people and refreshing convictions; definitely a platform to change the world. The opportunity presented by the music workshops to speak into others’ lives and to have them speak into my life was a privilege and an honour. It created a bridge for a deeper level of conversation even after the sessions finished.

Sept 2012
‘The year in residence was a simply amazing experience, the friends I have made and the lessons I’ve learnt will stay with me for a lifetime. To be a part of this was a privilege and moving forward I fully intend to live life to the full. The year as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar carried with it huge privilege and many special memories. One of the key memories from the year was the first workshop. The visit to Rhodes’ house at Groote Schuur as well as the cottage where he died and the Rhodes Memorial all blended to tell the story of an extraordinary, yet somehow insecure man. The blend yields both a challenge and a warning to those who would aspire to change their world. Meaningful relationships that will last over the next few years as well as aspects of personal growth will doubtless continue to yield great memories in years to come.’

Andrew Gasnolar
University of the Western Cape
Masters: Law

Andrew was born in 1985 in Cape Town, SA. He is completing his LLM as a MR Scholar and doing research for the Provincial Department of Social Development. He is Chair of the Boundless Heart Foundation and involved in other projects. His interests lie in people-driven solutions and active citizenry.

Jan 2012
‘I learnt that one should strive to be more and to do more.’

July 2012
‘The workshop, though jam-packed with content, was indeed an introspective space: a space in which we were allowed in but also a space in which our ideas were challenged. This challenge was not aggressive but rather a constructive way to grow from each other. The journey of experiencing our own humanity and that of our cohort was very special and I feel humbled to have experienced the laughter; tears and joys of each other. It was of course exhausting but I felt revitalised by the journey. Of the most beneficial experiences was Professor Solms’ story and his own way of tackling a very big thing; music leadership, where Barbara created a beautiful space; the Mandela Day activity at Maitland High – despite the enormity of it our 67 minutes was so rewarding; Reverend Mabuza for his humour and mind; and the input of previous Mandela Rhodes Scholars and the Foundation.’

Sept 2012
‘This journey has been surprising and, yes, exciting. It was a great year in which we were encouraged to dream but even more so to take action ethically and with dignity, authenticity. As much as I have learned from the fellow Scholars, the guest speakers and alumni, what has been most striking is the journey the MRF has facilitated – a journey which feels like a gift; a blessing. A year which speaks to values, hope and action. The benefit of interacting with the MRF has been too much theoretical content, which was largely un-involving, but that changed later. Solms-Delta was amazing and the idea presented in the story ingenious. Laughing Yoga was not as fun, but I embraced the concept as an ice-breaker. I was glad to help at Maitland High. It’s always a pleasure to inspire young souls and give back to the community. However I felt we could have directed our efforts at one of the many significantly more disadvantaged schools in Cape Town: students at Maitland had fully subscribed BlackBerry phones …’

David Gate
Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
Honours: Economics

David was born in 1988 in Harare, Zimbabwe. He completed his degree as a MR Scholar and is now preparing for his Actuarial examinations in the UK. David is co-founder and Chief Executive of Uniz, an IT consultancy and software developer based in South Africa and Zimbabwe.

Jan 2012
‘I realised that you do not have to know everything only by sound and creative interactions (as found among the Mandela Rhodes Scholars) can there be a meaningful cross-pollination of ideas that leads to positive change.’

July 2012
I really enjoyed the music for leadership sessions. It was moving and insightful to glean elements of people’s leadership styles, personalities and characters in such an open environment. The first session had too much theoretical content, which was largely un-invoking, but that changed later. Solms-Delta was amazing and the idea presented in the story ingenious. Laughing Yoga was not as fun, but I embraced the concept as an ice-breaker. I was glad to help at Maitland High. It’s always a pleasure to inspire young souls and give back to the community. However I felt we could have directed our efforts at one of the many significantly more disadvantaged schools in Cape Town: students at Maitland had fully subscribed BlackBerry phones …’

Sept 2012
‘Never in my life have I felt this positive and optimistic. Every time I sat in one of the workshops through the year, went on all the tours and engaged with the Scholars, I felt there was more to life than just being. I felt I was born exactly for this: the fulfilment of my dream. This dream has become even more real with each interaction and each passing day. Yes I can – like a bird I feel I am ready to fly, and fly I will. The world has become even more real with each interaction and each passing day. Yes I can – like a bird I feel I am ready to fly, and fly I will. The world is my playground and I will leave my footprints. Let the flying begin! After searching long and deep, the one word I find to describe my year in residence as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar is quite simply “epic”. I have no doubt each Scholar in our cohort will attest to the value of the intense and sometimes heated discussions among us in developing powerful synergies within the group. 2012 will be remembered as the year that nurtured me and spurred me to expand my horizons in ways many people just dream of. As the year draws to an end, I look back with delight and forward with hope. Hope that I can be a better leader for Africa, a leader inspired by the lessons from Madiba. Hope that my quests as an entrepreneur are attainable, a hope inspired by the lessons from Rhodes.’
‘My year as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar’: experiences of the class of 2012

January 2012
I believe there is hope for Africa, there is unbelievable talent here.’

July 2012
The four days passed very quickly and were, for the greater part, highly enjoyable and inspirational. I especially enjoyed going to listen to Professor Mark Solms and whilst I was initially sceptical, the music leadership seminars turned out to be something special. My only criticism (of the mid-year leadership workshop) would be that it was too intense at times and I couldn’t always digest the seminar’s content. But in general, very good, very good, Yay! (in-joke)’

September 2012
Every workshop was special in its own way and the Mandela Rhodes experience will stay with me always. The friendships I’ve made with my wonderful fellow Scholars formed to an unimaginable extent. I am ready to continue on my path but am a much more rounded and mature individual. Thank you to The Mandela Rhodes Foundation. To have received this Scholarship and to count myself among the lucky few has been an enormous privilege. Every workshop was invigorating and left me with the energy to practice my profession with a renewed sense of enthusiasm and confidence. My fellow Scholars were some of the most able people I have had the pleasure of meeting and I will cherish the friendships made and the conversations had. I have particularly enjoyed interacting with the MRF staff.’

January 2012
‘Being surrounded by the extraordinary calibre of Scholars on this programme is enough to dispel any inking of Afro-pessimism and proves that the legacy of Mandela is safe in our hands.’

July 2012
‘This was one of the great, emotionally and physically loaded workshops that are so typical of Mandela Rhodes. The Maitland experience is something that will stay with me for a long time—the hope and passion of those kids reminds me of the kids on my GUTS programme and the huge potential we have for a better country. The experience at Solms-Delta was inspirational, the presentation on entrepreneurship was innovative, and the feedback from Aalia Ismail, Mandela Rhodes Scholar 2007 and Lali Dangazele, Mandela Rhodes Scholar 2008, was inspirational. All in all it was a magical Mandela Rhodes experience.’

The 2012 experience
‘There are few suitable words that can describe the honour of carrying a Scholarship that bears the name of Nelson Mandela. Although ecstatic about receiving the Mandela Rhodes Scholarship, it has since left me with a deep sense of responsibility to use the opportunity I have been given with care. The Mandela Rhodes experience has reinforced parts of my character I hope to be remembered for: the dignity with which I treat others, the honesty with which I approach my decisions, and the integrity with which I live my life. It has allowed me to be me, a little more grounded, more confident, definitely more qualified and infinitely blessed with the experience of a lifetime. Receiving the Mandela Rhodes Scholarship is more than just a prize, it is a call to proactively fashion a world in whose legacy we can all be proud to be a part.’

January 2012
‘I learnt that I could easily get along with and adapt to new people.’

July 2012
‘The workshop days were just so informative for me. It was an opportunity for me to open up to new explorations and ideas; hence improving on my self-introspection. Engaging with fellow members of my cohort through music made it clear to me that there are many ways in which one can get to know about someone rather than just a simple interaction with that person. The presentations by the speakers were really an eye-opener for me as they gave me a different view about reconciliation, and that was exciting. I was flabbergasted by the Laughing Yoga, but it always made my days kick start on a high note.’

September 2012
‘It is said that one should never undermine the intelligence of any human being as it holds a unique great mind within. This is a reflection I felt from the 2012 cohort. All the workshops I attended as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar were fantastic and splendid, and I managed to converse with great minds daily. The character and the traits that each Scholar possesses really gives me hope and confidence about our future African leaders. Being a Mandela Rhodes Scholar really helped me redefine myself and gave me a different perspective on how I viewed other things; this will turn out to be a lifetime eye-opener. The growth and innovation I received from the MRF experience will take me very far and I have no doubt about the MRF approach. The people I met in Cape Town, Stellenbosch and Bloemfontein really made a difference in my life, and with this I will always keep my head high and when I look back I will always smile. Personally, 2012 cultivated in me a belief that how I see myself is more important than how others see me, and I must be whatever I am without shame. This was reflected most on our last workshop during the life stories sessions. The year revolutionised the way I perceive entrepreneurship. But over and above everything, seeing my photograph and my name on the great walls of the Mandela Rhodes Building really made me exuberant. May God bless ‘The Mandela Rhodes Foundation’.”

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Yumna was born in 1990 in Gauteng, South Africa.
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Unene was born in 1990 in Pretoria, SA. She is completing her degree as a MR Scholar. Unene is involved with a group she founded, focusing on teens from broken or underprivileged households in Soshanguve. She practices the guitar and watches movies.

January 2012
‘I learnt open mindedness, courage and boldness. Accepting people for who they are, remaining steadfast in one’s beliefs, and pursuing one’s goals and dreams, regardless of how impossible they might seem to the rest of the world.’

July 2012
‘The workshop was interesting. The insight and knowledge shared by all the guest speakers was priceless. Past recipients of the Mandela Rhodes Scholarship proved most insightful, as they appreciated our experience. The laughing therapy did not resonate with me. I would have liked more time for the Scholars to bond as a cohort and address certain issues pertaining to cohort dynamics, and the African continent.’

September 2012
‘The experience was different to what I had envisioned, but had its own flavour. The workshops brought to reality the possibilities and my obligations. To quote Spiderman: “With great power comes great responsibility.” The knowledge gained from my participation will continue to ignite my passion into the future. Even though I continue to work through my fears, I will work towards being greater. I thank The Mandela Rhodes Foundation and my fellow 2012 Scholars for their contributions to me – including all the guest speakers during our workshops. Being a Mandela Rhodes Scholar now forms part of a series of experiences that have shaped my life and contributed to the person I choose to be. I have met wonderful, seemingly driven individuals that will, at the least, always be business acquaintances and colleagues. We, as the 2012 Mandela Rhodes Scholars, will forever be a family. I do not have just one highlight of my year in residence. I have certain memories that will echo, such as playing Mafia at each workshop, getting emotional leaving the workshops, especially Lali Dangazele, Mandela Rhodes Scholar 2008, and the topics in the workshops, especially Transforming Minds, inspired and encouraged me to dispose of self-limiting and self-excluding thinking. It was a fantastic and life-shaping four days. Other highlights for me were the time at Maitland High School, and the music sessions. A fantastic and life-shaping four days.’

Mario Meyer
University of the Western Cape
Masters: Ethics
Mario was born in 1989 in Cape Town, South Africa. He is completing his degree as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Mario intends to pursue either an MA or an MPhil in the field of Development Studies.

January 2012
‘I learnt that everyone has the potential to leave behind a lasting legacy that inspires others to make a meaningful contribution to the quest to make the world a better place.’

July 2012
‘The workshop provided a space for introspection and self-reflection. This for me has been invaluable in my leadership development. The speakers, especially Lali Dangazele, Mandela Rhodes Scholar 2008, and the topics in the workshops, especially Transforming Minds, inspired and encouraged me to dispose of self-limiting and self-excluding thinking. It was a fantastic and life-shaping four days. Other highlights for me were the time at Maitland High School, and the music sessions. A fantastic and life-shaping four days.’

September 2012
‘The Mandela Rhodes Scholarship experience has been life-changing. The people I have met and the experiences I have had have resulted in a paradigm shift concerning many facets of my life. My thinking and patterns of thought have been enriched. A fire has been ignited in my belly, a drive that compels and inspires me to pursue excellence in all my endeavours, to not make excuses that condone mediocrity. My desire to make a difference in my spheres of influence has been strengthened. I have established friendships that I will cherish and maintain for a lifetime, and this was the undoubted primary highlight of the experience. The staff of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation inspire and challenge me through their example to always strive for excellence in who I am and in what I do, and to keep improving myself. These are connections, and this is a network that I will cherish and invest in for the rest of my life. The three leadership development workshops were a highlight and, in particular, the inspiration and opportunity for self-reflection they provided. They helped me to figure out what the shape and form of the contribution I would like to make to South Africa’s development, specifically, and to humanity, in general. My thanks to The Mandela Rhodes Foundation for the opportunity.’

Thobela Mfeti
University of Cape Town
Statistics & Business Statistics
Thobela was born in 1989 in Cape Town, South Africa. She is completing her degree as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Thobelo is an HIV/AIDS Community Educator at the University of Cape Town and a founding member of a development project in Langa. She is director for external relations for the CMRS.

January 2012
‘I had the opportunity to adapt to a new phase with great people.’

July 2012
‘I did not want to attend this workshop. I thought I was the biggest failure in the history of Mandela Rhodes Scholars. Of course with this thinking, came negativity and the whole inferiority complex mentality which I carried with me everywhere I went. I started believing in my inadequate beliefs of myself. But honestly, this workshop became the most positive contribution to my life. I am beyond appreciative of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation – I am liberated from my own fears. The real stories that spoke to me, freed me, included those from Aalia Ismail, Mandela Rhodes Scholar 2007, Lali Dangazele, Mandela Rhodes Scholar 2008, Professor Mark Solms, and Dr M'duba. Reconciliation with self is the first step – and I have reconciled with myself.’

September 2012
‘I am so inspired, it’s not funny. I have realised the strength in fear and the normality in being scared. I have realised that my fears have and are still to liberate me and I look forward to being on the other side of my life. I know I have to find my centre of power, my fire – but I think I now know how. I am aware of the things that were holding me back from being the best I can be, and this third workshop has empowered me with tools to move forward. I know where my passion lies, it’s clear – I know what motivates me. It is strong, I am passionate about it and it’s my purpose. For me, it’s the source of my purpose: social change. I am very grateful to The Mandela Rhodes Foundation for affording me this experience. You guys rock! I have been emancipated from my own self and I am happy! Meeting at these workshops, sharing each other’s stories and celebrating each other’s achievements was inspiring. 2012 saw me on the Mail & Guardian Top 200 list; it was a wonderful joy sharing it with my family and friends. Building long lasting friendships with some of the Scholars is by far the best experience. And being officially part of this community of amazing Scholars, the CMRS, feels like “I’ve arrived!” I have enjoyed the journey in residence and can say with confidence that I am a Mandela Rhodes Scholar! I now have no doubt I can be great in the future. I just cannot wait.’
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Nicholas Nhundu
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Nicholas was born in 1987 in Gweru, Zimbabwe. He is completing his degree as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Nicholas is a part-time lecturer at the University of Johannesburg while he is studying and looks forward to starting his career in corporate and investment banking.

January 2012
‘I learnt that time is important but you don’t need a lot of it to make a difference.’

July 2012
‘This workshop felt like a journey toward self-discovery which I believe to be the first step in order to have reconciliation. The Giotto results reviewed traits in my behaviour both good and bad which I believe will make me aware and set a good basis from which I can put corrective measures in place. The highlight of the workshop for me was the visit to the school. Somehow I began to see a “me” in the students and for a moment I understood their despair and all of their worries. When I finally realised how much I have achieved irrespective of being in the same position at a certain point in my life, I realised that there is hope for them and all they need is what we were given: hope.’

September 2012
‘This has been a life-changing experience. It’s been a journey of self-discovery and it is something that has helped me to understand who I am and my purpose in life. I would like to thank The Mandela Rhodes Foundation for the confidence shown in me, for the belief that I was worthy of being a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. I want the MRF to understand that this experience will not only help me but I feel it is something that will have a positive impact on my family and hopefully the society that I grew up in. I found the words spoken by the workshop leader so inspiring, speaking to an inner part of me – they still echo in my mind every time I am depressed or when I am just quiet, reflecting on life. I am grateful for the time shared. Thank you so much.’

Nhlanipho Nkowanyana
University of Zululand
Masters: Psychology
Nhlanipho was born in 1989 in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. He is completing his degree as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Nhlanipho is currently facilitating his succession at SIFE, and is also planning for his research thesis and coursework.

January 2012
‘I learnt the significance of ensuring effective communication.’

July 2012
‘I must say it felt like The Mandela Rhodes Foundation knew what was good for us at the right time. All the activities planned were quite awesome and I grew and experienced a mind-set change through this nurturing. I have successfully discovered the greatness I can embody as an individual, and I believe this is a result of the music sessions we had. I now know that I can be matchless!’

The 2012 experience
‘The experience was remarkable and terrific. The year 2012 brought to me an experience that comprehensively changed my life for the better. Before I became a Mandela Rhodes Scholar I felt like just an ordinary social being among others, but now I have a strong feeling that I could be a leader. Whereas once I thought of the Mandela Rhodes Scholarship as a bursary, from the first workshop of my year in residence I realised that it was far more than that, that it was a magnificent journey of self-discovery. I had a lot of questions about my strengths and weaknesses up until I was afforded this life-changing opportunity, which has helped me to analyse them in systematic ways. What is incredible about such an opportunity is that one gets to be part of the group that is made up of diverse, energetic and visionary individuals. The Mandela Rhodes opportunity exposed me to an environment where great minds representing the entire continent of Africa skillfully engaged with important issues – something I could not get anywhere else.’

Angela Obwaka
University of Johannesburg
Honours: Strategic Management
Angela was born in 1988 in Mombasa, Kenya. She completed her degree as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Angela is teaching strategy research and risk facilitation and management at Monash University.

January 2012
‘I learnt to be grateful that I don’t have to know everything because others are good at the things I’m not, so we can all work together!’

July 2012
‘I thoroughly enjoyed this workshop. Personally I thought it more enjoyable than the first one since most of the sessions focussed on self and I had a lot of opportunity for introspection and self-reflection, a reconciliation especially within myself. I enjoyed the behavioural assessment feedback, Professor Solms’s talk and the visit to Franschoek, Reverend Mabuzi’s talk and all the previous Scholars’ presentations. In addition I feel the music leadership journey was powerful as we had an opportunity to be vulnerable, reflective and yet do so in a safe space. I also enjoyed the laughing yoga although I think the presenter could have done more research and presented the preamble to the laughter therapy better. I loved the hotel and hospitality! Thank you Mandela Rhodes Foundation.’

September 2012
‘I felt really blessed. I felt extremely overwhelmed with gratitude for the opportunity, for The Mandela Rhodes Foundation believing in me (when I really only partly believed in myself), for the inspiration I’ve been given to take action, to do more, to be more, to be great, to be me. I’m also very grateful for the space to be reflective, to grow and to be myself and be OK. I feel I have a family across Africa and in The Mandela Rhodes Foundation. I have met such amazing people – my friends, who are going to change the world in each of their spheres. I have laughed so hard, mafia’d so well and reflected so much! Best of all, this year has inspired me to definitely step up and be counted – ensuring I give my all to achieve what I was predestined to achieve. It’s been a great year – one that I will no doubt hold to heart and look back upon warmly in the future. Step one of me leaving a legacy has been accorded to me in this year. There is hope. My love and gratitude.’
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Francis Omesa
Stellenbosch University
Masters: Law
Francis was born in 1987 in Nairobi, Kenya. He completed his degree as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Francis is a day trader at the Nairobi Stock Exchange, and also manages his parents’ investments. He plans to register a company, and also to pursue a Masters degree in Economic Law in Europe.

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Anthea was born in 1987 in Kampala, Uganda. She is completing her degree as a MR Scholar. Anthea tutors at the Law Library of the University of Johannesburg and works at the Writing Centre as a writing consultant.

Elnari Potgieter
Stellenbosch University
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January 2012

I learnt that life is an adventure; have the courage to be you.

July 2012

It went well from the first day. The idea of reflecting your characteristics through music was very welcome. I struggled to see how the laughing yoga fitted into the theme of reconciliation. The trip to Solms-Delta was a great highlight. Saturday’s travel to Maitland was great. I however expected that we would do more as Scholars. Further, the school that was chosen didn’t seem underprivileged to me. I think there are more underprivileged schools in the Western Cape. On Sunday, the presentation on entrepreneurship and innovation was brilliant. I wished there were more sessions like this.

September 2012

I want to thank The Mandela Rhodes Foundation for this opportunity. Not only did the MRF support me financially, but I grew through the workshops and the opportunities provided. I enjoyed my time in Stellenbosch, it was an experience, and the adventure was worth it. I left with a renewed vigour for exploration. The whole year in residence as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar was great in every way. It was a new and refreshing experience for me considering the fact that it was my first time in South Africa. I got to meet the great staff at The Mandela Rhodes Foundation who helped me settle down in a new country. I also met the amazing Scholars in residence. I will forever be grateful to The Mandela Rhodes Foundation for everything they did for me in 2012.

January 2012

I learnt that even the greatest leaders are flawed; you can learn from those flaws and be the best you can be.

July 2012

I learned a lot about the cohort, about life. I feel very encouraged and inspired. The session at Solms-Delta showed me how people can make a difference in little ways. The children at Maitland showed me how blessed I am and how much I owe to others. The honour I’ve been given leaves me with the responsibility to share it. The entrepreneurial session gave me insight. I thought it was hard to be innovative and it is, but it isn’t impossible. I really enjoyed the laughing yoga, it was a chance to be silly and not feel guilty about it. The former Scholars showed me that my insecurities are shared and can be overcome. I’m leaving here tired but content. I have learned and I am learning. I came here not thinking I could be who I was expected to be. But I am leaving knowing I can. The music reconciliation helped me learn about my friends. I felt a little exposed, but that was okay. Thanks to the MRF for an awesome experience!

September 2012

I cannot help but feel incredibly blessed; that feeling when it seems like God is treating you like a favourite child, like a shower of blessings. I almost feel like telling God to stop there because it’s not fair to everyone. That’s what this experience has been about and I can’t thank everyone enough for all that. But it hasn’t been all sunshine and roses. There have been feelings of inadequacy and my studies have generally been very hard but as was said earlier in the workshop, it’s only in uncomfortable times that we grow – and I have grown. I have been inspired, I, Anthea Caroline Paelo, can make a difference. People believe in me and it’s okay to dream big. It is also okay to fail. I can learn from it. The main thing I have taken from this experience is I must act! I must do and I must not be afraid, that I have friends and we can change the world. Thanks MRF staff.

January 2012

I learnt that by standing on the shoulders of the great souls before us, we are a new generation of leaders driven by more than power and profit, but by a sense of purpose, responsibility, hope and compassion.

July 2012

As always the workshop was organised impeccably, down to the smallest detail, thank you Mandela Rhodes Foundation. I enjoyed and appreciated the variety of speakers and approaches to a very flexible theme. Highlights for me were Mark Solms, the awesome Reverend Dr Mabuza, the sharing of the music, Lali Dangazele’s speech, the Mandela Day activities and Jacobo’s piano playing. The things I enjoyed less included the laughing yoga – I thought there might be other team building possibilities! I would have allowed more time for in-depth discussions and had fewer speakers. Having said that, it is amazing how people can grow in six months – I cannot wait to see all of these Mandela Rhodes Scholars bloom and flourish to the full.

September 2012

I thank The Mandela Rhodes Foundation for the opportunity to discover that Africa is the continent of hope and potential. I have found in this cohort people who are inspired, motivated and involved. Individuals who address that which they cannot condone. Friends in vision, hope, courage and knowledge. I have found Africans who are not only Africans for being born here, but because Africa was born in them. I leave this workshop embracing the fact that I will continue loving my country and continent and fostering hope where I go with the knowledge that these individuals will do so as well. I leave knowing that Africa is on its way to blossoming and flourishing as it could with my MRF friends watering the right gardens for growth. Young Africans driven by purpose, responsibility, hope and compassion. These words describe the Mandela Rhodes cohort of 2012, people I will forever hold dear. I am grateful for the way my experiences as part of this cohort shaped my thoughts and provided leverage for some of my future plans which aim to address issues limiting Africa from blossoming as it should. I value the amount of personal growth this year brought about for me and the rest of the cohort as reconciled leaders and responsible citizens of Africa in our respective fields.”
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Gift was born in 1991 in Mafikeng, SA. He completed his degree as a MR Scholar, graduating second in the Division of Human Genetics and serving on Golden Key. Gift was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to the US. He enjoys sport, reading, movies, and camping.

Mario-Mark Ruiters
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Masters: Agriculture
Mario-Mark was born in 1988 in Cape Town, SA. He is completing his degree as a MR Scholar. Mario is active in community development programmes and in two business ventures where he has combined his agricultural knowledge with tourism initiatives to create jobs and build capacity.

January 2012
‘I learnt that we are all born with success and greatness at arm’s length. It is for us to grab it and make it our own.’

July 2012
‘The workshop has been a great experience and the theme of reconciliation was fitting and inspired a lot of thought. Lots of energy was invested in self-reconciliation prior to looking for reconciliation in others. The saying by Mahatma Gandhi came up numerous times and for me summed up the whole experience of the workshop: “Be the change you want to see in the world”. Allowing oneself to deal with the battles within us is the first step to acknowledging the necessity of reconciliation. Perhaps South Africa is reconciled and what is left are the very normal and common troubles and concerns faced by any other country, i.e. poverty, unemployment, crime and feelings of neglect from the citizens. However, what I take out of this experience is the aspiration to change my world and begin the reconciliation with myself, perhaps in that way reconciliation will not be such pie in the sky. My favourite moment was when the Reverend Mabuza spoke to us about spiritual reconciliation as a father speaking to his children. All in all the programme was well organised and well thought-through, and it took us on a journey of introspection and self-understanding. Thank you to The Mandela Rhodes Foundation.’

September 2012
‘The year as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar carried with it huge privilege and many special memories. One of the key memories from the year was the first workshop. The visit to Rhodes’ House at Grooto Schuur as well as the cottage where he died and the Rhodes Memorial all blended to tell the story of an amazing, yet somehow insecure man. The blend yields both a challenge and a warning to those who would aspire to change their world. For me the meaningful relationships I have forged with fellow Mandela Rhodes Scholars will last over years, and aspects of personal growth will doubtless continue to yield amazing memories in years to come.’

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The highlight was being able to listen to my fellow Scholars’ remarkable life stories while all the other memories I will always cherish. The visit to Solms-Delta and its history was a mind blowing experience and holds great value for me personally. Finally, 2012 not only afforded me the opportunity to develop personally but presented me the privilege to meet a group of exceptional individuals that I now can call friends.’
Updates on the Mandela Rhodes Scholars of 2011

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Stellenbosch University
Masters: Industrial Psychology
Jennifer was born in 1988 in Cape Town, South Africa. Her primary focus is the completion of her Masters degree in Industrial Psychology as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. She is also deeply involved in a cycling project which entails cycling with a group of children from an underprivileged community, on a weekly basis. The aim of the project is to impart good values to the children at this early and impressionable stage of their lives.

Ponayi Chitaka
University of Cape Town
Masters: Public Health
Ponayi was born in 1988 in Harare, Zimbabwe. She studied towards a Masters degree in Public Health at the University of Cape Town, but has relocated to Port Elizabeth. She plans to register with the South African Pharmacy Council in order to take up a year-long internship with a pharmaceutical company. Thereafter she will do a year of community service in Zimbabwe, following which she will study on a scholarship for a Masters in Pharmacy at NMMU.

Jai Clifford-Holmes
Rhodes University
Masters: Integrated Development
Jai was born in 1986 in London, UK. He has been working on a Masters in Integrated Development degree as a MR Scholar, involving an international water management project between SA and the Netherlands. This included research in the Eastern Cape, and an internship at Delft University of Technology. His studies are now being upgraded to a PhD in Water Resource Science at Rhodes University. Jai has secured full funding from the National Research Fund, Dutch and South African donors, and the Water Research Commission.

Emmanuel Kalunga
Tshwane University of Technology
Masters: Electrical Engineering
Emmanuel was born in 1986 in Katanga, Democratic Republic of Congo. He studied for a Masters degree in Electrical Engineering at the Tshwane University of Technology as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Emmanuel is currently doing research on brain-computer Interface at the Université de Versailles Saint-Quentin, France. The aim is to provide people who have lost their motor ability with an interface that will allow them to interact with their environment using brain signals.

Luke Kannemeyer
University of Cape Town
Masters: Human Genetics
Luke was born in 1988 in Cape Town, SA. He is in the second year of his Masters in Human Genetics as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar at the University of Cape Town, aiming to graduate in the course of 2013. While his academic activities continue to take up most of his time, Luke continues to act as chairperson of his faculty’s postgraduate student council, and is also involved in various science education initiatives.

Alex Lenferna
Rhodes University
Masters: Philosophy
Alex was born in 1987 in Gauteng, SA. He studied for a Masters degree in philosophy at Rhodes University as a MR Scholar. Alex was a research associate at the Rhodes University Environmental Learning & Research Centre, where he coordinated the Makana and Rural Eastern Cape Regional Centre for Expertise in Education for Sustainable Development, and worked on other projects throughout the Southern African Development Community. He is currently studying further in the US.

Tarsianna Machekabuwe
Stellenbosch University
Masters: Clinical Psychology
Tarsianna was born in 1983 in Gweru, Zimbabwe. She studied towards a degree in Clinical Psychology at Stellenbosch University as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Tarsianna has been working at the Mutemwa Leprosy Care Centre, and she also has great interest in the areas of business and social entrepreneurship. She hopes to continue with her postgraduate studies in future.
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Lerato Makhale
University of the Western Cape
Masters: Anthropology
Lerato was born in 1984 in Gauteng, SA. She studied towards a Masters degree in Anthropology at the University of the Western Cape as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. She is currently pursuing fieldwork as a research fellow in a SANPAD project under the theme ‘Performance, Belonging, and Citizenship: The politics of aesthetics and authentication’. Lerato’s principal interest is in performance and how young people use different art forms as a necessary means of expression.

Nadia Marais
Stellenbosch University
Masters: Divinity/Theology
Nadia was born in 1987 in Gauteng, SA. She studied towards a Masters degree in Divinity and Theology at Stellenbosch University as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. She is currently ‘in ministry’, doing a practical year in churches in Beaufort West. She preaches, teaches catechumen, plays in the church’s band, prays, reads, and does pastoral visits among other things. Nadia also plays the guitar and organ, as well as horse riding and painting regularly.

Caitlin Miles
University of Cape Town
Honours: Economics
Caitlin was born in 1989 in Durban, South Africa. She completed her Honours degree in Economics at the University of Cape Town as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. She is currently doing the first year of a Masters degree in Applied Economics at the same university. Caitlin’s particular interest is in the fields of development, labour microeconomics, and youth unemployment.

Nosipho Mngomezulu
Rhodes University
Masters: Anthropology
Nosipho was born in 1987 in Newcastle, KwaZulu Natal, South Africa. She studied towards her Masters degree in Anthropology at Rhodes University as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. She is working for the Rhodes Community Engagement Office as Co-ordinator of the Student Volunteer Programme, and is engaged in inspiring community development projects and working with committed student volunteers.

Phillip Mogodi
University of the Witwatersrand
Masters: Mineral Economics
Phillip was born in 1988 in Limpopo, SA. He studied towards a Masters Degree in Mineral Economics at Wits University as a MR Scholar. He is now working for Anglo American as a mining engineer. He is also a mineral economics researcher for various institutions and organisations, and was recently awarded the Fulbright Scholarship to do a PhD in Economics in the US next year. Beyond his work he is involved in photography and socio-academic development initiatives.

Maletsabisa Molapo
University of Cape Town
Masters: Computer Science
Maletsabisa was born in 1987 in Sekhele, Lesotho. She completed her Masters degree in Computer Science at UCT. Her research involved training low literacy level health workers using mobile videos in Lesotho and Sierra Leone. She was selected as a fellow of the Moremi Initiative for Women’s Leadership in Africa, received the Google Anita Borg award for women leaders in technology, and the Facebook award celebrating Women in Computing. Maletsabisa served on the UCT UN Association of SA, and plans to found a girl-child education organisation in Lesotho.

Noella Moshi
University of Cape Town
Masters: Immunology
Noella was born in 1987 in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. She studied for her Masters degree in Immunology at UCT as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. After the founder of Nando’s, Robert Brozin, spoke at a 2011 MRF leadership workshop, Noella signed up to work with him on his philanthropic initiatives. Under his mentorship, she is involved in a venture that raises funds to fight malaria, as well as several other social and commercial projects.

Pamella Motlhageng
Rhodes University
Honours: Financial Management
Pamella was born in 1986 in Gaborone, Botswana. She studied towards her Honours degree in Financial Management at Rhodes University as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. She is now a Finance Graduate Trainee at Letshego Financial Services in Botswana, a company dedicated to giving citizens the tools to lift themselves from poverty. Pamella has a keen interest in sustainable real estate development, as well as exploring the concept of “Womenomics”.

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**Dananai Muchemenye**
University of Cape Town
Masters: Commercial Law

Dananai was born in 1983 in Midlands, Zimbabwe. He studied towards his Masters degree in Commercial Law at the University of Cape Town as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. He is currently completing his thesis while simultaneously working for the Parliamentary Monitoring Group as a Reporter. Dananai is also a regular online blogger.

**Patrick Mukala**
Tshwane University of Technology
Masters: IT Informatics

Patrick was born in 1985 in Likasi, Democratic Republic of Congo. He studied towards his second Masters degree, in IT Informatics, at the Tshwane University of Technology as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. After completing his course work he will finalise his thesis. Patrick is also working on media coverage for an initiative called CONSOL, and he is helping in his department as a part-time lecturer.

**Zamafuze Ngocobo**
University of Johannesburg
Honours: Media Studies

Zamafuze was born in 1985 in Durban, South Africa. She completed her Honours in Media Studies at the University of Johannesburg as a MR Scholar. She is completing a Masters degree in Communication at UJ, with a focus on anthropology. Zamafuze recently joined McKinsey & Co as an Executive Assistant in their new graduate recruitment drive. Zamafuze is also a One Young World Ambassador, and is developing a skills programme in Northern KwaZulu-Natal and working on her blogging skills.

**Emmanuel Nibishaka**
Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
Masters: Conflict Management and Transformation

Emmanuel was born in 1983 in Ruhengeri, Rwanda. He studied towards his Masters degree in Conflict Management and Transformation at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University as a MR Scholar. He joined the Strategy & Policy Unit in the Office of the President of Rwanda as a Lead Researcher, tasked with compiling a database on Rwandan government policies and political achievements since 1994. Emmanuel chairs a UN Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa.

**Qhelile Nyathi**
University of KwaZulu-Natal
Honours: Financial Mathematics

Qhelile was born in 1988 in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. She studied towards her Honours degree in Financial Mathematics at the University of KwaZulu-Natal as a MR Scholar. She has researched optimising financial services for rural farmers in Africa. Qhelile was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship and is currently working on her Masters in African Studies at the University of Oxford. She is also doing yoga and learning to play the guitar.

**Iyinoluwa Ologe**
Monash University
Honours: International Studies

Iyinoluwa was born in 1987 in Ilorin, Nigeria. He studied towards his Honours degree in International Studies at Monash University South Africa as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Iyinoluwa is now at Monash University in Australia where he is working towards a doctoral degree in Politics. His academic focus is on control of the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

**Mary Opondo**
University of Johannesburg
Honours: Development Studies

Mary was born in 1987 in Nairobi, Kenya. She completed her Honours degree in Development Studies at the University of Johannesburg as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Subsequently she became a volunteer for a non-governmental organisation dealing with voter education and human rights in Kenya. She plans to pursue a Masters-level qualification.

**Mmatshepo Phasha**
University of Pretoria
Masters: Microbiology

Mmatshepo was born in 1987 in Limpopo, SA. She completed her Masters degree in Microbiology at the University of Pretoria as a MR Scholar. She has been involved in an initiative between the Forestry and Agricultural Biotechnology Institute of the University of Pretoria and the Forestry Industry, as well as Forestry delegates from the University of Sweden. Mmatshepo is currently at the University of Nebraska Lincoln (USA) acquiring technical skills to prepare her for doctoral studies at UP.
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Jonathan Reader  
Stellenbosch University  
Honours: Economics

Jonathan was born in 1989 in Durban, SA. He completed his Honours degree in Economics at Stellenbosch University as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. After extended travels in Morocco and France, Jonathan returned to South Africa and worked as an intern with Genesis Analytics in Johannesburg. He won a Rhodes Scholarship and is currently at the University of Oxford studying for a Masters degree in Economics for Development.

Ntuthuko Tsokodibane  
University of Cape Town  
Masters: Economic Science

Ntuthuko was born in 1988 in Gauteng, South Africa. He studied towards a Masters degree in Economic Science at the University of Cape Town as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. While completing the requirements to be awarded the degree, Ntuthuko is also devoting time to developing an asset management company.

Dale Van Der Lingen  
Stellenbosch University  
Masters: Economics

Dale was born in 1985 in East London, SA. He studied towards a Masters degree in Economics at Stellenbosch University as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. He is currently working in the Department of the Premier, in the Chief Directorate of Policy and Strategy, Provincial Government of the Western Cape, as an intern. Dale is the Treasurer of the Community of Mandela Rhodes Scholars.
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Grant Andrews
Stellenbosch University
Masters: English Studies
Grant was born in 1986 in Cape Town, SA. He completed his Masters degree in English Studies at Stellenbosch University as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. He is currently a course coordinator and tutor at the University of the Western Cape. He is pursuing his PhD, dealing with studies on masculinity in South Africa. He is simultaneously in the process of finishing his first book, on the subject of spirituality.

Andrew Carolin
University of Johannesburg
Masters: English Studies
Andrew was born in 1987 in Roodepoort, SA. He completed his Masters degree in English Studies at the University of Johannesburg as a MR Scholar and is currently studying towards a Doctoral degree, at the same university. In addition to lecturing in the English Department, he is doing research on representations of gender and sexuality in Africa. Andy is Chairperson of the Community of Mandela Rhodes Scholars.

Adéle Croucamp
North West University
Masters: Education Management
Adéle was born in 1984 in Potchefstroom, South Africa. She completed her Honours degree in Education Management at North West University as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. She is currently working in Midrand at the MCC Group of Companies as a programme manager specialising in selection systems. Adéle is also finding the time to indulge her passion for travel, having visited Dubai and New Zealand.

Paton Dennison
University of the Free State
LLM
Paton was born in 1987 in Mpuamanga, South Africa. He completed his LLM at the University of the Free State as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Paton is a final year candidate attorney at Adams & Adams and has also founded a personal loans and entertainment company, Ongsta Finance. Ongsta also sponsors initiatives in his home town and helps teach people to earn an income.

Asanda Dodi
University of the Witwatersrand
Honours: Management
Asanda was born in 1988 in Cape Town, SA. She completed her Honours degree in Management at the University of the Witwatersrand as a MR Scholar. Asanda joined Old Mutual South Africa as a Management Trainee in Strategy and Marketing and now works as a Strategy Support Consultant. She is also part of the TSIBA Alumni Society and has given time to developing other young leaders as a Facilitator of the Gordon Institute of Business Science Spirit of Youth Programme.

Siphelele Dumisa
University of KwaZulu-Natal
Honours: Political Studies
Sihle was born in 1989 in Durban, South Africa. She completed her Honours degree in Political Studies at the University of KwaZulu-Natal as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. She has been concentrating on gaining work-based experience to complement her academic qualifications. She has focused on research, securing an internship with the Human Sciences Research Council while simultaneously pursuing a Masters degree in Development Studies.

Clive Eley
Rhodes University
Masters: Chemistry
Clive was born in 1987 in Orapa, Botswana. He studied towards a Masters degree in Chemistry at Rhodes University as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Clive was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford University, where he is reading for a PhD in Inorganic Chemistry. He has taught young people speech and debating in Ghana, India, South Korea and Zimbabwe, and was Chief Adjudicator for the 2011 Pan-African Universities Debating Championship, held in Zimbabwe.

Emile Engel
University of Cape Town
Masters: Chemistry
Emile was born in 1986 in Cape Town, SA. He completed a Masters degree in Chemistry at the University of Cape Town as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Emile is currently working full-time at Rethink Leadership, a non-profit organisation he co-founded. The organisation is committed to helping develop ethical, innovative young leaders through dialogue. He plans to pursue a PhD at the Centre for Supramolecular Materials Research at Stellenbosch University.
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Siyabonga Gobingca

University of the Western Cape
Honours: Business Management

Siyabonga was born in 1985 in Cape Town, South Africa. He completed an Honours degree in Business Management at the University of the Western Cape as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Siyabonga joined RMB Private Bank and subsequently RE Capital Management (Pty) Ltd, a small asset management business as a property analyst. On the academic side, he is studying the CFA programme.

Nozopho Hokonya

Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
Honours: Social Work

Nozopho was born in 1983 in Harare, Zimbabwe. She completed an Honours degree in Social Work at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University as a MR Scholar. Nozopho is now practicing social work in Port Elizabeth and is in the final year of Masters level studies. She founded and coordinates an HIV/AIDS support network operating through a Facebook page in Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban and Port Elizabeth.

Steven Hussey

University of Pretoria
Masters: Biotechnology

Steven was born in 1986 in Pretoria, SA. He converted his Masters studies in Biotechnology at the University of Pretoria – where he was a Mandela Rhodes Scholar - to a PhD student programme in the Forest Molecular Genetics laboratory at UP. Steven recently published an article in BMC Plant Biology, and has travelled to Brazil and California to present at international conferences, the latter including a three-month research collaboration.

Yannick Kala Konga

Tshwane University of Technology
Masters: Electrical Engineering

Yannick was born in 1986 in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He completed a second Masters degree as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar, studying Electrical Engineering at the Tshwane University of Technology. He currently works as a specialised engineer and management trainee at Unilever. He is also involved with the International Forum for Africa’s development, One Young World, and Initiative CONSOL (Congo Solutions).

Serge Lomago

University of Cape Town
Honours: Economics

Serge was born in 1979 in Nyakunde, Democratic Republic of Congo. He completed his Honours degree in Economics at the University of Cape Town as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Subsequently Serge read for a Bachelor of Commerce Honours in Financial Analysis and Portfolio Management. He has been working for a French logistics company while completing his thesis. Once that is done he will join IPREO specialising in Financial Market Data Service Provision in Cape Town.

Nande Mabona

University of the Western Cape
Honours: Petroleum Geology

Nande was born in 1988 in Cape Town, South Africa. She completed her Honours Degree in Petroleum Geology at the University of the Western Cape as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Nande is now an Intern Geoscientist at Schlumberger, the leading oil service company. Simultaneously she is in the final year of a research Masters degree. Her thesis studies reservoir characterisation, focusing on the use of seismic interpretation and petro physics.

Oupa Malahlela

University of Limpopo
Masters: Geography

Oupa was born in 1986 in Polokwane, South Africa. He studied toward a Masters degree in Geography at the University of Limpopo as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. He subsequently transferred to the University of KwaZulu-Natal where his thesis is being assessed. Oupa plans to register for a PhD once his MSc is complete, focusing on GIS and Remote Sensing. He intends to pay regular visits to his home community in Limpopo to try to inspire potential young leaders.

Athambile Masola

Rhodes University
Masters: Education

Athambile was born in 1987 in King William’s Town, SA. She studied toward a Masters degree in Education at Rhodes University as a MR Scholar. Atha is teaching English, Social Science and Life Orientation at Claremont High School in Cape Town. She enjoys hiking, blogging, and writing for the Mail & Guardian’s supplement The Teacher. She took part in a CMRS Conversation for Change with Minister Trevor Manuel, Dr Mamphela Ramphele, and Rhoda Kadalié.
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<td>Henny Mavasa</td>
<td>University of Zululand</td>
<td>Masters: Clinical Psychology</td>
<td>Henny was born in 1986 in Giyani, South Africa. He completed a Masters degree in Clinical Psychology at the University of Zululand as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Henny is currently working towards completing a Counselling Psychology Internship with the University of Johannesburg. After the internship he hopes to establish a project that will address relationships, HIV/AIDS and Cancer issues.</td>
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<td>Cara Meintjes</td>
<td>Stellenbosch University</td>
<td>Masters: International Studies</td>
<td>Cara was born in 1986 in Cape Town, SA. She completed a Masters degree in International Studies at the University of Stellenbosch as a MR Scholar. Cara is an intern with the Justice and Reconciliation in Africa Programme of the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation in Cape Town. She is co-authoring an article on opposition parties in South Africa and Botswana; and is involved part-time with the Aniston Elementar Organic Garden Project.</td>
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<td>Syden Mishi</td>
<td>University of Fort Hare</td>
<td>Honours: Financial Markets Economics</td>
<td>Syden was born in 1983 in Chinhoyi, Zimbabwe. He completed an Honours degree in Financial Markets and Economics at the University of Fort-Hare as a MR Scholar. He is an Intern doing research and monitoring with African Monitor. Syden’s major interest is research, particularly on issues pertinent to marginalised populations. He has presented papers at conferences covering development finance, entrepreneurship, monetary policy, and poverty alleviation.</td>
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<td>Petunia Mpoza</td>
<td>Monash University</td>
<td>Honours: International Relations</td>
<td>Petunia was born in 1984 in Johannesburg, SA. She studied towards an Honours degree in International Relations at Monash as a MR Scholar. She is a researcher at the University of Johannesburg, focusing on the concept of an African Renaissance. Petunia writes opinion pieces for Thought Leader, community newspapers and The Thinker. She is Media and Communications Director for Young People in International Relations (YPAR).</td>
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<td>Zukiswa Mqolomba</td>
<td>University of Cape Town</td>
<td>Masters: Social Science</td>
<td>Zukiswa was born in 1985 in King William’s Town, SA. She completed a Masters degree in Social Science at the University of Cape Town as a MR Scholar. Zukiswa also completed a Masters degree in Poverty and Development at Sussex University. She now works as a Fellow at McKinsey &amp; Company and is a director of the SA Washington International Programme. Zukiswa is also a mentor on the Helen Suzman pilot mentorship programme, and has been offered an opportunity to work with the World Bank.</td>
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<td>Comfort Ndala</td>
<td>Tshwane University of Technology</td>
<td>Masters: Operations Management</td>
<td>Comfort was born in 1989 in Mpuamalanga, South Africa. She studied towards a Masters degree in Operations Management at Tshwane University of Technology as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Comfort has founded a community media organisation in her village and is assisting with fundraising for Mathaku Creche in Boine, Limpopo. Comfort plans to resume her academic studies in the near future.</td>
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<td>Zimbini Ogle</td>
<td>Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University</td>
<td>Masters: Clinical Psychology</td>
<td>Zimbini was born in 1986 in Lusikisiki, SA. She completed a Masters degree in Clinical Psychology at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University as a MR Scholar. She is currently on placement as a clinical psychologist at Fort England Hospital, involving community outreach projects and the delivery of psychological services to disadvantaged communities. Zimbini is in the early stages of study towards a doctoral qualification.</td>
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<td>Shaheen Seedat</td>
<td>University of the Witwatersrand</td>
<td>Honours: Economics/Mathematics</td>
<td>Shaheen was born in 1989 in Johannesburg, SA. He completed Honours degrees in Economics and Mathematics at the University of the Witwatersrand as a MR Scholar. Shaheen won a Rhodes Scholarship and is reading for a doctorate in Financial Economics at Oxford. He is also taking courses in Financial Economics and Economics. He won the Founders’ Medal for best Economics Honours thesis in SA, was listed as a Top 200 Young South African by the Mail &amp; Guardian and was elected to the WEF Global Shaper’s Community.</td>
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Nandipha Sephuma
University of KwaZulu-Natal
Masters: English

Nandipha was born in 1984 in Gaborone, Botswana. She studied towards a Masters degree in English at the University of KwaZulu-Natal as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Nandipha is in the process of finalising the examination process requirements for her degree, while simultaneously seeking opportunities for a career as a researcher and writer.

Elizabeth Vale
Rhodes University
Honours: Philosophy

Beth was born in 1988 in Cape Town, SA. She completed an Honours degree in Philosophy at Rhodes University as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Beth went on to study for a Masters degree in Sociology at the University of Cape Town, focusing on community health. She was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship and is studying for a doctoral qualification in Social Intervention at the University of Oxford.

Alice Wamundiya
University of Cape Town
Masters: Development Studies

Alice was born in 1985 in Kibungo, Rwanda. She studied towards a Masters degree in Development Studies at UCT as a MR Scholar. Alice was Public Relations Officer of the Community of MR Scholars and continues to be involved in her areas of special interest, including human rights, advocacy, media and education, and the development of the African continent in general.

Richard Wilkinson
University of Cape Town
LLB

Richard Wilkinson was born in 1988 in Johannesburg, SA. He completed his LLB at the UCT as a MR Scholar. He spent a period as an intern in the office of the Premier of the Western Cape and worked on internet-based solutions to community safety challenges. Richard went on to read for a Masters in Social Science of the Internet at Oxford University, and plans to study further at the Blavatnik School of Government.
Meagan Adriaans  
University of the Western Cape  
Masters: English Literature

Meagan was born in 1985 in Cape Town, South Africa. She studied towards a Masters degree in English Literature at the University of the Western Cape as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. After the period spent on campus in both undergraduate and postgraduate study Meagan entered the job market and she is currently working as an editorial assistant at a communications company.

Alinka Brutsch  
Rhodes University  
Postgraduate Diploma: Journalism and Media Studies

Alinka was born in 1987 in East London, South Africa. She completed a Postgraduate Diploma in Journalism and Media Studies at Rhodes University as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Thereafter Alinka completed an MSc in Media, Communications and Development at the London School of Economics and has since been working for the Africa Progress Panel in Geneva, Switzerland.

Ingrid Cloete  
Rhodes University  
LLB

Ingrid was born in 1988 in Pretoria, SA. She completed an LLB at Rhodes University as a MR Scholar. She was accepted to read for a Bachelor of Civil Law degree at Wolfson College, Oxford, funded by the Skye Foundation. Ingrid received the degree with distinction and was subsequently awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship to read for an MPhil in Environmental Law at Oxford. She has also made the time to learn to row.

Rutendo Dhliwayo  
University of Fort Hare  
Honours: Economics

Rutendo was born in 1985 in Zvishavane, Zimbabwe. She completed her Honours degree in Economics at the University of Fort Hare as a MR Scholar. Rutendo is currently a JSE Researcher for the Profile Media Group in Houghton, Johannesburg, as well as a research intern for Consultancy Africa Intelligence in Murrayfield, Pretoria. She has published discussion papers on topical issues that affect and influence industry and business in Africa.

Zilindile Dlamini  
University of Zululand  
Honours: Economics

Zilindile was born in 1985 in Hlatikulu, Swaziland. She completed an Honours degree in Economics at the University of Zululand as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Zilindile works for Standard Bank Business Banking in Mbabane in her home country of Swaziland. She reports that she has found it to be hard work, but at the same time interesting and fulfilling.

Sicelo Dludla  
University of Zululand  
Honours: Agriculture

Sicelo was born in 1986 in Melmoth, South Africa. He completed an Honours degree in Agriculture at the University of Zululand as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Sicelo is currently a lecturer at the University of Zululand teaching Animal Science and is also registered for study towards a PhD at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, in the field of Animal and Poultry Science.

Katherine Furman  
Rhodes University  
Masters: Political and International Studies

Katherine was born in 1987 in Grahamstown, South Africa. She completed a Masters degree in Political and International Studies at Rhodes University as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Katherine is currently studying toward her PhD in Philosophy at the London School of Economics and Political Science. She married Richard Stupart in 2012.

Zerene Haddad  
University of Cape Town  
Honours: History

Zerene was born in 1985 in Harare, Zimbabwe. She completed her Honours degree in History at the University of Cape Town as a MR Scholar. Zerene went on to work in Syria, but due to the unrest in that country moved to Amman, Jordan, where she continues to work with the Jesuit Refugee Service. Her portfolio includes communications and classes for Sudanese, Iraqis, Syrians and Somalis.
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Christopher Holdridge  
University of Cape Town  
Masters: Historical Studies

Christopher was born in 1985 in Cape Town, SA. He was awarded a Masters degree in Historical Studies with distinction at UCT as a MR Scholar. Christopher went on to study for a PhD in History at the University of Sydney, Australia, having been awarded an International Research Scholarship. He is researching political lobbies for settler self-government in 19th century Australia and South Africa, and hopes to pursue postdoctoral work.

Thembisile Luckett  
University of Cape Town  
Masters: Philosophy

Thembi was born in 1986 in Cape Town, South Africa. She studied Philosophy at the University of Cape Town as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Having subsequently worked in the University of Cape Town’s Department of Sociology and Centre for African Cities, she is currently a researcher for the Southern African Clothing and Textile Workers Union.

Tsepang Majara  
University of Fort Hare  
Masters: Counselling Psychology

Tsepang was born in 1982 in Maseru, Lesotho. He completed his Masters degree in Psychology at the University of Fort Hare as a MR Scholar. Tsepang is pursuing a PhD part-time at Wits and is the Founder, CEO and Counselling Psychologist of Mind Liberation Psychology Consultancy. He is President of the Fort Hare Alumni Association, Lesotho Chapter, and was named a ‘high-flyer’ by Achiever magazine in Lesotho.

Hapiloe Maranyane  
University of Cape Town  
Masters: Medical Biochemistry

Hapiloe was born in 1987 in Maseru, Lesotho. She completed a Masters degree in Medical Biochemistry at UCT as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Hapiloe is now completing a PhD in Medical Biochemistry at UCT, and is involved in youth leadership development programmes focusing on Western Cape schools. Hapiloe is also active in university initiatives to assist and teach medical students.

Masasa Mbangeni  
University of the Witwatersrand  
Honours: Dramatic Arts

Masasa was born in 1987 in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. She completed an Honours degree in Dramatic Arts at the University of the Witwatersrand as a MR Scholar. Masasa is currently working on ETV’s flagship soapie, Scandal! She is also very involved with her production house, Bokamoso Productions, which concentrates on producing documentaries and corporate videos.

Osmond Mlonyeni  
University of Pretoria  
Masters: Genetics

Osmond was born in 1985 in Kimberley, SA. He completed a Masters degree in Genetics at the University of Pretoria as a MR Scholar. Osmond is currently pursuing a PhD qualification at the University of Pretoria. In addition, he was part of a team of five graduate students representing his academic institute (FABI) at National Science Week 2012. The purpose is to raise awareness about and promote science to learners.

Khanyisa Mtombeni  
University of the Western Cape  
Honours: Finance and Investment

Khanyisa was born in 1985 in Cape Town, South Africa. He completed an Honours degree in Finance and Investment at the University of the Western Cape as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Khanyisa is working as an Investment Performance Analyst and Reporting Specialist at Curo Fund Services – work which he reports is all-consuming at this point, but stimulating.

Mark Mutayoba  
Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University  
Honours: Economics

Mark was born in 1980 in Shinyanga, Tanzania. He completed an Honours degree in Economics at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. In 2012 Mark took up a post at Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) as Planning Officer, heading the Planning Department of the third largest Port in Tanzania, Mtwara Port. Outside his work Mark has been campaigning against violence in Africa. He is married with two children.
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Teddy was born in 1985 in Libreville, Gabon. He completed an Honours degree in Computing at Monash as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Teddy is working at Absa Capital as a graduate analyst within the Prime Services team. He has completed an MSc dissertation in Computer Science at the University of the Witwatersrand and hopes to have it published in the near future.

Siziphiwe was born in 1988 in Mount Ayliff, South Africa. She completed an Honours degree in Economics at the University of Zululand as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Siziphiwe has worked for Standard Bank’s Head Office since February 2010. Beyond work, her further academic goal is to obtain a Masters degree in a different field of study.

Siva was born in 1987 in Grahamstown, SA. He completed an Honours degree in Mathematical Statistics and Pure Mathematics at Rhodes University as a MR Scholar. In 2009 he moved to Cape Town to pursue a career in finance, enrolling for a Masters of Philosophy in Mathematics of Finance course at UCT. In 2011 he joined Taquanta Asset Managers as a Quantitative Analyst. His next goal is to achieve the position of Portfolio Manager.

Godfrey was born in 1985 in Durban, South Africa. He studied Financial Management at the University of Cape Town as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Godfrey has worked as an educator in rural KwaZulu-Natal, helping to improve a school’s pass rate from 60 percent to 88 percent. He is looking at opportunities around South Africa in the commerce or production environments. Godfrey lives with his family in KwaZulu-Natal.

Kershan was born in 1984 in Durban, SA. He completed an Honours degree in the Motion Picture Medium at AFDA as a MR Scholar. Kershan served as Chair of the Community of MR Scholars. He is now a Personal Mastery Consultant and Coach with the Converse/Resolve Group, and is reading for an MPhil in Diversity Studies at UCT. He is also a researcher for the NRF, based at UCT, and is writing a feature-length screenplay.

Elias was born in 1986 in Limpopo, South Africa. He completed a Masters degree in International Studies at Stellenbosch University as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Elias is currently completing a PhD degree in Political Science at Stellenbosch. His project focuses on the non-contributory pension scheme as a function of state legitimacy in South Africa and Mauritius.

Marius was born in 1987 in Middelburg, SA. He completed an Honours degree in Political Science at the University of Pretoria as a MR Scholar. Marius is Director of Research and Communications for the Democratic Alliance in the Gauteng Legislature, and doing a Masters in Political Communication part-time at UJ. He lives in Pretoria with his fiancé and fellow MR Scholar Steven Hussey and their daughter, Hazel, who is a Dachshund puppy.

Aalyia was born in 1987 in Kisumu, Kenya. She completed an Honours degree in Medical Anthropology at the University of the Witwatersrand as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. She subsequently achieved a Masters in Health Sociology at Wits, and became an assistant researcher in the department of social medicine at Ohio University, US. Aalyia has been working on HIV/AIDS issues. She hopes to return one day to Wits with a PhD in Medical Anthropology.
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Saskia Schiel
AFDA
Honours: Motion Picture Medium

Saskia was born in 1987 in Pretoria, SA. She completed an Honours degree in the Motion Picture Medium at AFDA as a MR Scholar. Saskia has been working on a variety of film productions, from Hollywood feature films to small independent projects. Saskia and her partner are launching their own production company, Stage 5 Films, and are currently developing five feature films and two feature-length documentaries.

Nothemba Silwana
Cape Peninsula University of Technology
Masters: Chemistry

Nothemba was born in 1984 in Cape Town, South Africa. She completed the coursework for a Masters degree in Chemistry at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology and looks forward to graduating in due course. Nothemba is currently weighing up employment opportunities against enrolling for a Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education (PGCHE).

Cano Ssemakalu
UNISA
Masters: Life Science

Cano was born in 1985 in Masaka, Uganda. He completed a Masters degree in Life Sciences at the University of South Africa as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. After his period in residence as a Scholar Cano registered to study towards a Doctoral qualification at the Vaal University of Technology, and he hopes to complete these studies before deciding on his next steps.

Obediant Tshabalala
Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
Honours: Computer Science

Obediant was born in 1986 in Port Elizabeth, SA. He completed an Honours degree in Computer Science at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University as a MR Scholar. Obediant works as a Senior Project Manager for Comair Limited (British Airways & Kulula), and is also an entrepreneur having founded Redeocol Construction, involved in building construction and renovation, and Music Lounge, hiring out musical instruments.
Matthew Beetar
University of KwaZulu-Natal
Honours: Social Science

Matthew was born in 1987 in Pietermaritzburg, SA. He completed an Honours degree in Social Science at the University of KwaZulu-Natal as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Matthew is lecturing full-time in media and cultural studies at UKZN whilst pursuing a further qualification in Educational Management and working on a PhD proposal. This will focus on gender and cultural studies. Matthew is serving his second year on the Board of Directors of the CMRS as Director of Internal Relations.

Anton Botha
Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
Masters: Psychology

Anton was born in 1981 in Pretoria, SA. He completed a Masters degree in Psychology at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University as a MR Scholar. He is currently in the US doing a Masters in Industrial and Organisational Psychology at Montclair State University, thanks to a Fulbright Scholarship. Anton has represented South Africa at a number of conferences and also founded the Young South African Leaders in New York Society.

Victor Chikadzi
University of the Witwatersrand
Masters: Social Development

Victor was born in 1983 in Chiredzi Town, Zimbabwe. He completed a Masters degree in Social Development at the University of the Witwatersrand as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Victor is employed as a lecturer within the School of Human and Community Development at the University of the Witwatersrand, where he is also pursuing doctoral studies within the field of Social Development.

Nobulali Dangazele
University of the Witwatersrand
Masters: Dramatic Arts

Lali was born in 1985 in Soweto, SA. She completed a Masters degree in Dramatic Arts at the University of the Witwatersrand as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Taking to heart the MR principle of entrepreneurship, Lali established her own company, Nobulali Productions, which won the SAB Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 2011. Her focus is on her entrepreneurial initiatives and she also lectures at Wits part-time.

Lionel Faull
Rhodes University
Masters: English Literature

Lionel was born in 1984 in Nakuru, Kenya. He completed a Masters degree in English Literature at Rhodes University as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Lionel was hired by the Mail & Guardian Centre for Investigative Journalism, otherwise known as amaBhungane in 2011 as an investigative reporter. With several significant investigative projects under his belt, Lionel continues to relish his media role.

Thandeka Hlengwa
University of Zululand
Masters: Clinical Psychology

Thandeka was born in 1985 in Johannesburg, SA. She completed a Masters degree in Clinical Psychology at the University of Zululand as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Thandeka’s focus is on disadvantaged communities and she has been working at Ngvelezena Hospital in KwaZulu-Natal for two years. Thandeka is involved with several church-linked projects, and hopes to continue studying at some point.

Llewellyn Howe
AFDA
Honours: Film Production

Llewellyn was born in 1980 in Roodepoort, SA. He completed an Honours degree in Film Production at AFDA as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. He went on to achieve a PhD degree in New Testament Studies at the University of Pretoria, and also acts as a Research Fellow for the University of Johannesburg as well as lecturing in Ancient Greek at Baptist Theological College.

Simangele Mabena
University of the Witwatersrand
Masters: Dramatic Arts

Simangele was born in 1983 in Johannesburg, SA. She completed a Masters degree in Dramatic Arts at Wits as a MR Scholar. Simangele spent a year in Montreal as a Sauvé Scholar, as a result of which she launched an Arts and Literacy Symposium, which brought community artists and educators in Montreal together to collaborate and share creative ways to teach literacy to special needs students.
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Lawrence Mashimbye
University of the Witwatersrand
Masters: Epidemiology and Biostatistics

Lawrence was born in 1984 in Giyani, SA. He completed a Masters degree in Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the University of the Witwatersrand as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. He works for Health & Development Africa as a Project Manager, Epidemiologist and Biostatistician. He is mostly involved in Public Health projects, and has completed a Diploma in Advanced Business Management at the University of Johannesburg.

Christopher McConnachie
Rhodes University
Honours: LLB

Chris was born in 1986 in East London, South Africa. He completed an LLB at Rhodes University as a MR Scholar. Chris won a Rhodes Scholarship to the University of Oxford where he studied successfully for a Bachelor of Civil Law, and is now doing an MPhil on South African discrimination law. He has been accepted to study for the DPhil in Law. Chris serves as Deputy Chairperson of Oxford Pro Bono Publico.

Zdena Mtetwa
Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
Honours: Industrial and Organisational Psychology

Zdena was born in 1985 in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. She completed her Honours in Industrial and Organisational Psychology at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University as a MR Scholar. Zdena is completing an internship for a Masters in International Relations at the University Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan, Italy. The internship is with an organisation in Brussels, Belgium. In 2012 Zdena married her long-time partner Michael, in Belgium.

Cynthia Mutabaazi
University of Pretoria
Masters: Culture and Media Studies

Cynthia was born in 1981 in Kampala, Uganda. She studied Culture and Media at the University of Pretoria as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Cynthia is currently managing and editing The Reader’s Cafe website, and also mentors young leaders at the University of Pretoria and Mamelodi. Cynthia served as Public Relations Officer of the Community of MR Scholars.

Lindokuhle Nkosi
University of Zululand
Masters: Sociology

Lindokuhle was born in 1987 in Boschfontein, South Africa. She studied Sociology at the University of Zululand as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Thereafter Lindokuhle moved into a different field and relocated to Johannesburg to pursue a Diploma in Fashion Design. She is self-employed in the fashion industry and has participated in the Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week in Johannesburg.

Garikai Nyaruwata
University of Cape Town
Honours: Economics

Garikai was born in 1987 in Harare, Zimbabwe. He completed an Honours degree in Economics at the University of Cape Town as a MR Scholar. After winning a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford, Garikai is currently a consultant at McKinsey and Company in Johannesburg. He has advised organisations on crafting growth strategies for Africa. He works across the healthcare, financial services and consumer sectors, with recent engagements in Nigeria, Uganda, Ghana, Togo and South Africa.

Chipateni Nyirenda
University of Cape Town
Honours: Industrial Relations

Chipateni was born in 1983 in Lusaka, Zambia. She completed an Honours degree in Industrial Relations at the University of Cape Town as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. After her time in residence as a member of the Class of 2008 Chipateni returned to her home country, where she is Assistant Manager of Administration and Customer Support Services at Spry Consult in Lusaka, Zambia.

Suntosh Pillay
University of KwaZulu-Natal
Masters: Clinical Psychology

Suntosh was born in 1985 in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. He completed a Masters degree in Clinical Psychology at the University of KwaZulu-Natal as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Suntosh is currently working as a clinical psychologist in the public sector, at King George V Hospital in Durban. He continues to write regular social commentary for print and online media, and has published research on post-apartheid racism, discourse, and identity.
Tinotenda Sachikonye
Rhodes University Masters: Pharmacy

Tinotenda was born in 1984 in Mutare, Zimbabwe. She completed a Masters degree in Pharmacy at Rhodes University as a MR Scholar. After completing her tenure in residence as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar Tinotenda relocated to Cape Town where she joined the firm Frost & Sullivan, working as a Research Analyst for the Healthcare Business Unit of the company.

Marea Sing
Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University Honours: Mathematical Statistics

Marea was born in 1987 in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. She completed an Honours degree in Mathematical Statistics at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Marea went on to a position at the South African Reserve Bank and further study at the University of Oxford, and was subsequently selected as one of the top 100 essay entrants at the 42nd St Gallen Symposium.

Kim Smith
University of the Western Cape Honours: Industrial Psychology

Kim was born in 1985 in Bellville, Cape Town, SA. She completed an Honours degree in Industrial Psychology at the University of the Western Cape as a MR Scholar. Kim is the founder of Hygiene Women’s Health. She is also developing and implementing human rights awareness, advocacy and education programs on a part-time basis for the United Nations Association of South Africa. Kim consults on various community development projects.

Demaine Solomons
University of the Western Cape Masters: Theology

Demaine was born in 1979 in Cape Town, SA. He completed a Masters degree in Theology at the University of the Western Cape as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Following his period in residence as a Scholar Demaine became a PhD candidate at the Vrije University, Amsterdam, Netherlands. Demaine’s research focus is on the controversial status of the reconciliation symbol in South African theological discourses.

Bronwyn Tarr
University of Cape Town Honours: Zoology

Bronwyn was born in 1985 in Swakopmund, Namibia. She completed an Honours degree in Zoology as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Bronwyn won a Rhodes Scholarship and completed a Masters degree in Environmental Change and Management at the University of Oxford. She is now completing a DPhil at Oxford. Her research focuses on dance and musicality, and she continues to dance in her spare time.

Thabang Tlaka
University of Pretoria Masters: Clinical Psychology

Thabang was born in 1985 in Polokwane, SA. He completed a Masters degree in Clinical Psychology at the University of Pretoria as a MR Scholar. Thabang has co-founded a Non-Profit Organisation called Crazy Poetic Ministries, which he also chairs. He has written a booklet called Running Commentary, has got married, and plans to start an independent Psychology practice as well as continuing his work as a poet and performer.

Mashilo Tshehla
University of Limpopo Honours: Human Resources

Mashilo was born in 1981 in Ka Leolo-Sekhukhune, SA. He completed an Honours degree in Human Resources at the University of Limpopo. Mashilo currently works as a lecturer at the University of South Africa, specialising in Human Resources Management and Research. He is also working on community engagement programmes with SEDA, where he leads a team of HR experts in rendering HR-related services to SMEs.
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Tristram Atkins
AFDA Honours: Film

Tristram was born in 1977 in Cape Town, SA. He completed an Honours degree in Film at AFDA (The South African School of Motion Picture Medium and Live Performance) as a MR Scholar. Tristram is currently working as a scriptwriting lecturer at AFDA in Cape Town, and is also reading for a Master of Fine Arts degree. As part of his course work he is producing a 48-minute documentary, entitled 'Trail of Crumbs', about the bread price fixing scandal.

Marlon Burgess
University of Cape Town Honours: Anthropology

Marlon was born in 1980 in Cape Town, South Africa. He completed an Honours degree in Anthropology at the University of Cape Town as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. A spoken word and visual artist, he is completing a PhD in American Studies at New York University (NYU). Marlon is also assistant editor of Block Renaissance Noire. He lives in the Bronx, where he supports African immigrant and refugee youths in his free time.

Rumbidzai Goredema
University of Cape Town Honours: Sociology

Rumbidzai was born in 1986 in Kwekwe, Zimbabwe. She completed an Honours degree in Sociology at the University of Cape Town as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. After her year in residence as a member of the Class of 2007 Mandela Rhodes Scholars, Rumbi completed a Masters degree at the University of Cape Town. She lives in Cape Town and is currently working for the DG Murray Trust as a portfolio manager.

Bryony Green
Rhodes University Masters: English Literature

Bryony was born in 1984 in Harare, Zimbabwe. She completed a Masters degree in English Literature at Rhodes University as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Since her time as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar Bryony has studied and travelled and worked around the world, living in the United Kingdom, Switzerland, and the United States. Currently she is an Engagement Manager in McKinsey and Company's Chicago Office, working mainly on strategic topics related to healthcare.

Graeme Hoddinott
University of KwaZulu-Natal Masters: Social Science Research Psychology

Graeme was born in 1984 in Amanzimtoti, KwaZulu-Natal, SA. He completed a Masters degree in Social Science Research Psychology at the University of KwaZulu-Natal as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. He is currently in the second year of study for a PhD in Psychology at UKZN, working on a thesis entitled “What is it to do in the context of change?” Toward an operational model of the act for school-community based HIV prevention”. He also works as a Social Scientist at the Africa Centre for Health and Population Studies.

Aalia Ismail
University of Cape Town Honours: Social Science

Aalia was born on 4 February 1986 in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. She completed her degree as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Aalia is a Government Climate Change Programmes Manager. She was on the Ministerial Delegation to COP17, and has been selected as an Allan Gray Orbis Foundation Mentor. She was one of the Mail & Guardian’s Top 200 Young South Africans for two consecutive years. She travels internationally and indulges a shopping hobby.

Leanne Johansson
University of Cape Town Honours: Social Science

Leanne was born in 1984 in Johannesburg, South Africa. She completed an Honours degree in Social Science at the University of Cape Town as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Leanne is currently reading towards a DPhil in Anthropology at Oxford as a Clarendon Scholar, researching conflict in borderland communities in West Africa. She is also a partner in a project to support women in the Bakassi peninsula between Cameroon and Nigeria.

Ayanda Khala
University of the Witwatersrand Masters: Dramatic Arts

Ayanda was born in 1982 in Johannesburg, South Africa. She studied Dramatic Arts as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Ayanda is Theatre Company Manager at Thamba Interactive, a Gauteng-based NGO focusing on community dialogue and transformation through applied theatre and drama. She co-ordinates and lectures in two courses at the Wits School of Arts and Drama For Life programme, and also teaches Brecht and Modern Realism in the Drama Department at the University of Pretoria.
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Nyika Machenjedze
University of Fort Hare
Masters: Human Rights

Nyika was born in 1980 in Harare, Zimbabwe. He completed a Masters degree in Human Rights at the University of Fort Hare as a MR Scholar. Nyika is currently Director at FAMSA Stutterheim, focusing on marriage therapy and community education. He recently had an article published in the South African Journal for Psychology, and is conducting research on the use of metaphorical stories as a technique for enhancing resilience in children orphaned by HIV/AIDS.

Boitumelo Magolejo
University of Pretoria
Honours: Electronic Engineering

Boitumelo was born in 1985 in Pretoria, SA. He completed an Honours degree in Electronic Engineering at the University of Pretoria as a MR Scholar. Boitumelo is currently working in the field of investment banking, focusing on foreign exchange exotic derivatives. Melo does stochastic modelling and validation and development of pricing and hedging strategies. He also serves on the 11-member Strategic Committee within Global Markets at Rand Merchant Bank.

David Maimela
University of Pretoria
Masters: Political Economy

David was born in 1982 in Nelspruit, South Africa. He studied Political Economy at the University of Pretoria as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. David is a graduate of the University of Pretoria and in 2010 was chosen as one of the Mail & Guardian’s 200 Emerging Young Leaders in South Africa. He was involved in student politics, after which he joined the office of the Premier of Gauteng Province, before moving to his current position at the Mapungubwe Institute.

Clement Mogodi-Tjale
University of Zululand
Masters: Clinical Psychology

Clement was born in 1979 in Polokwane, South Africa. He completed a Masters degree in Clinical Psychology at the University of Zululand as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Clement is a Consulting Clinical Psychologist in private practice in Durban; a Sessional lecturer at Durban University of Technology in the Homeopathy Department; and Resident Clinical Psychologist at Vuma 103 FM, Durban. He is also a part-time PhD student at the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

Rikus Oswald
Stellenbosch University
Masters: International Studies

Rikus was born in 1984 in Cape Town, South Africa. He completed a Masters degree in International Studies at Stellenbosch University as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Rikus is part of the graduate programme at Anglo American where he plays the role of Strategy and Business Development Analyst within the London office. Rikus is currently pursuing new interests through studies in Risk Management and in Industrial and Organisational Psychology.

Lunga Radebe
University of the Witwatersrand
Honours: Dramatic Arts

Lunga was born in 1985 in Vereeniging, South Africa. He completed an Honours degree in Dramatic Arts as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Following his period as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar in residence as a member of the Class of 2007, Lunga has gone on to pursue a Master of Fine Arts degree in Dramaturgy at Columbia University, New York City, on an International Ford Fellowship.

Judy Sikuza
Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
Honours: Industrial and Organisational Psychology

Judy was born in 1985 in Umtata, South Africa. She completed an Honours degree in Industrial and Organisational Psychology at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Judy is an Organisational Development Consultant at Investec, Johannesburg. Her job entails working on diversity, leadership development, people and team processes, change, strategy facilitation and culture. Judy served as Chairperson of the Community of MR Scholars.

Daphney Singo
University of Cape Town
Masters: Science

Daphney was born in 1983 in Ngwenani Ha Mapholi, Limpopo, SA. She completed a Masters degree in Science at the University of Cape Town as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Daphney went on to earn a PhD at Stellenbosch University, and married Dr Remy Bucher from Switzerland on 14 April 2012. She has obtained a post-doctoral position at iThemba LABS, Cape Town, where she will work for the foreseeable future.
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Jeremias Sitoi
University of KwaZulu-Natal
Masters: Commerce in Marine Studies

Jeremias was born in 1975 in Maputo, Mozambique. He completed a Masters degree in Commerce in Marine Studies at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. Jeremias returned to Mozambique where he is working as a Business Process Re-engineering Manager at Barclays Bank. His special interest is improving the standards of his country’s educational system, starting at basic school level and introducing world-class practices to contribute to the sustainable development of the country.

Cebile Tebele
University of Zululand
Honours: Industrial Psychology

Cebile was born in 1979 in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. She completed an Honours degree in Industrial Psychology at the University of Zululand as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Cebile is pursuing a Masters degree with UNISA and does part-time lecturing. She is also involved in community work through the university and has made a presentation on career management to the South Africa Department of International Relations and Cooperation. She hopes to make career guidance the focus of her own career.

Sheetal Vallabh
University of Cape Town
Masters: Clinical Psychology

Sheetal was born in 1977 in Johannesburg, South Africa. She completed a Masters degree in Clinical Psychology at the University of Cape Town as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Sheetal runs a clinical psychology and mediation private practice in Johannesburg. She recently acquired further specialist training in Melbourne, Australia. Sheetal consults on a part-time basis at the Family Life Centre, and she is also a founding member of NGO Lawyers against Abuse.

Buhle Zuma
University of Cape Town
Masters: Diversity Studies

Buhle was born in 1983 in Empangeni, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. He completed a Masters degree in Diversity Studies at the University of Cape Town as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Buhle has submitted his PhD thesis, which deals with the social psychology of self-segregation, and he expects to graduate in 2013. Buhle is lecturing at UCT. He was selected as a Mail & Guardian Young leader in 2011 and spoke at a UCT TEDx in 2012. Buhle is a former Chairperson of the CMRS.
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Rachel Adams
University of Cape Town
Honours: Social Anthropology

Rachel was born in 1981 in Kadoma, Zimbabwe. She completed an Honours degree in Social Anthropology at the University of Cape Town as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Rachel entered the workplace after her degree, and was awarded a Desmond Tutu Fellowship in 2011. She is currently responsible for designing, implementing and managing a leadership development programme for McKinsey and Company.

Nyasha Chigwamba
Rhodes University
Masters: Computer Science

Nyasha was born in 1983 in Harare, Zimbabwe. He completed a Masters degree in Computer Science at Rhodes University as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. After his time as a member of the Class of 2006 in Grahamstown, Nyasha relocated to Cape Town to work as a software engineer for Universal Media Access Technologies SA. In late 2011 he joined Vision OSS as a software developer.

Zethu Dlamini
University of Cape Town
Masters: Media Studies

Zethu was born in 1980 in Mbabane, Swaziland. She completed a Masters degree in Media Studies at the University of Cape Town as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. On returning to Swaziland Zethu hosted a live talk-show on gender issues, before founding a Corporate Communications Consultancy with clients in government, public and private Enterprise. Her company also founded the Annual Journalism, Media and Communications Awards for the Swazi media.

Chet Fransch
Stellenbosch University
Honours: French

Chet was born in 1976 in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. He completed an Honours degree in French at Stellenbosch University as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Chet is registered for doctoral studies at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, as a scholar on the Desmond Tutu-NRF-Vrije programme. Chet was an organiser of the 2011 CMRS conference in Stellenbosch, and continues to lecture in the Department of History.

Tristan Görgens
University of Cape Town
Honours: Development Studies

Tristan was born in 1983 in Grahamstown, South Africa. He completed an Honours degree in Development Studies at the University of Cape Town as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Tristan went on to earn a Masters degree after which he joined the Isandla Institute in Cape Town as a policy researcher in the urban land programme. Tristan, a former Chairperson of the Community of Mandela Rhodes Scholars, is married to fellow Scholar Rumbi Goredema (Zimbabwe & UCT 2007).

Janet Jobson
Rhodes University
Honours: History

Janet was born in 1984 in Johannesburg, South Africa. She completed an Honours degree in History at Rhodes University as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Janet went on to win a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford University, and a Saufy Scholarship to Montreal. She is the DG Murray Trust’s Portfolio Manager for Leadership, with one of her key projects being the development of the Activate! Leadership and Public Innovation programme. Janet is a former Chairperson of the CMRS.

Pie-Pacifique Kabalira-Uwase
University of KwaZulu-Natal
Honours: Physics

Pie-Pacifique was born in 1980 in Ruhengeri, Rwanda. He studied Physics at the University of KwaZulu-Natal as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Pie-Pacifique was employed at Absa and is now an account executive at Avocado Vision, a training and enterprise development company based in Johannesburg. He is the founder of the Road to Education for Refugees and Asylum Seekers initiative to raise awareness and funds for refugee tertiary education.

Thando Mgqolozana
University of the Western Cape
Masters: Nursing

Thando was born in 1983 in Cape Town, South Africa. He studied Nursing at the University of the Western Cape as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. After his time as a member of the Class of 2006 Mandela Rhodes Scholars Thando took up employment at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. In 2009 he published the acclaimed debut novel A Man Who Is Not A Man, and this was followed by Hear Me Alone in 2011.
Nonkululeko was born in 1986 in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. She studied Economics at the University of KwaZulu-Natal as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Subsequent to her time as a member of the Class of 2006 Nonkululeko joined the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Information. She is currently with the Department of Education in KwaZulu-Natal, working as a State Accountant in the office of the Chief Financial Officer.

Melika was born in 1983 in Newcastle, SA. She completed a Masters degree in Industrial Psychology at the University of KwaZulu-Natal as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Subsequently Melika became a registered Industrial Psychologist and is currently lecturing at Damelin College. Her interests include reading, socialism, spirituality, the Community of Mandela Rhodes Scholars and South America. She is studying Spanish.

Nkazi was born in 1984 in Durban, SA. He completed an Honours degree in Business Science at the University of Cape Town as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Nkazi is currently studying towards an MBA at Columbia Business School in New York City as a FirstRand-Laurendef Stipendiary Scholar. He is involved in the school’s Africa Business Club, especially in organising their annual African Economic Forum, and he will be working on Wall Street in the US summer.

Vincent was born in 1983 in Cape Town, South Africa. He completed a Masters degree in Literature at the University of the Western Cape as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Vincent was awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship to the University of Oxford, where he recently completed a DPhil in English Literature. He is currently living in Oxford, teaching at a language school and giving private tuition in English Language and Literature.

Piet was born in 1984 in Sasolburg, Free State, South Africa. He completed an Honours degree in Music at the University of the Free State as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. After his time as a member of the Class of 2006 Piet went on to teach, as well as working as a researcher and administrative assistant in his department. Piet is currently completing a D.Mus. degree, and his first accredited article was published in 2011.

Luzelle was born in 1984 in Walvis Bay, Namibia. She completed a Masters degree in Political Management at Stellenbosch University as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Luzelle has been working for United Nations agencies for almost five years, having joined the UN High Commission for Refugees and later the International Labour Organisation, where she is employed as a Programme Officer. Luzelle remains actively involved on the board of trustees of the Rachel’s Angels Trust.

Bongumusa was born in 1982 in Empangeni, South Africa. He completed an Honours degree in Biotechnology at Rhodes University as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Bongumusa went on to earn a PhD in Biotechnology, after which he was employed as a post-doctoral researcher. He is working on treated domestic wastewater. Bongumusa has published several papers and addressed conferences. He hopes to found a water and environmental services consultancy firm.
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Julia Cloete
University of Cape Town
Honours: Social Anthropology

Julia was born in 1982 in Mthatha, South Africa. She completed an Honours degree in Social Anthropology at the University of Cape Town as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. After her time in residence as a member of the Class of 2005 Julia involved herself in efforts to contribute to poverty alleviation. She worked as a senior researcher and project manager at a Johannesburg-based sustainable development company.

Jacques Conradie
Stellenbosch University
Honours: Actuarial Science

Jacques was born in 1983 in Bellville, South Africa. He completed an Honours degree in Actuarial Science at Stellenbosch University. Subsequent to his time in residence Jacques joined asset management firm Peregrine Capital in Johannesburg, where he has become an executive director and portfolio manager. When he has any spare time from his professional commitments, Jacques enjoys travelling and reading.

Buntu Godongwana
Cape Peninsula University of Technology
Masters: Chemical Engineering

Buntu was born in 1983 in Cape Town, SA. He completed a Masters degree in Chemical Engineering at Cape Peninsula University of Technology as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Buntu was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to the United States, after which he became a lecturer at CPUT while also working towards a doctoral degree. His work has been published in international journals. Buntu continues to promote the study of mathematics and science at high schools.

Sizwe Mjiqiza
University of the Western Cape
Masters: Pharmacy

Sizwe was born in 1981 in Queenstown, South Africa. He completed a Masters degree in Pharmacy at the University of the Western Cape as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Sizwe relocated to Pretoria in 2010, and is the Responsible Pharmacist at a leading retail pharmacy, where he is responsible for financial management and operational viability, training and development, and resource planning. Sizwe is engaged and has two beautiful children.

Hanru Niemand
Stellenbosch University
Masters: Psychology

Hanru was born in 1982 in Paarl, South Africa. He completed a Masters degree in Psychology at Stellenbosch University as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Hanru is married and lives in Durbanville, working as a clinical psychologist in private practice. He is also reading for a doctorate in Philosophy at Stellenbosch, where he lectures part-time. Hanru continues to write and perform original music and has played at several venues around South Africa.

Riaan Oppelt
University of the Western Cape
Masters: English Literature

Riaan was born in 1981 in Paarl, South Africa. He completed a Masters degree in English Literature at the University of the Western Cape as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Riaan went on to earn a PhD in English Studies at Stellenbosch University, while simultaneously lecturing. Since 2012 Riaan has been based in Barcelona, Spain, as part of a research group specialising in studying global modernity.

Sirika Pillay
University of Cape Town
Honours: Microbiology

Sirika was born in 1983 in Johannesburg, South Africa. She completed an Honours degree in Microbiology at the University of Cape Town as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Sirika went on to complete a PhD in Immunology at Imperial College London, and has taken up a post-doctoral position at Stanford University in California. Her current research is related to infectious diseases, specifically Influenza and Dengue virus.

Alex Salo
University of Cape Town
Honours: Immunology

Alex was born in 1984 in Cape Town, South Africa. She completed an Honours degree in Immunology at the University of Cape Town as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Alex is pursuing a PhD in Epidemiology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. She is also part of a research team developing an HIV prevention package for South African men. Her interests include socio-behavioural determinants of HIV risk and community-level barriers to identification of previously undiagnosed HIV.
THE NINTH COHORT OF MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS

The Class of 2013 gathered as a group for the first time at their introductory Mandela Rhodes workshop in late January at the Dolphin Beach conference facility in Cape Town. All members of the new cohort attended the workshop, which was facilitated by the Scholarships Manager and her team. The MRF’s Chairman also addressed the Scholars during one of the sessions. In addition to their full programme at Dolphin Beach, the latest group of Mandela Rhodes Scholars paid the now-traditional visits to Groote Schuur, the former residence of Cecil John Rhodes, as well as Rhodes Cottage in Muizenberg and the Mandela Rhodes Building in central Cape Town. As always with a new cohort, the Scholars engaged in robust debates about the very different leadership legacies of Mandela and Rhodes. Over the next few pages we introduce the young Africans who make up the ninth cohort of Mandela Rhodes Scholars. In addition to introducing them by name and country of origin, indicating the degree for which they are registered as Mandela Rhodes Scholars, and where they are studying, we share their brief impressions of their first leadership development workshop under the aegis of the MRF. The selection of this latest Class of Mandela Rhodes Scholars brings the total number of Scholarships awarded, since the inception of the programme in 2004/5, to 200.

Jessica Baker
Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating Institution: Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
Current Institution: Stellenbosch University
Degree: Masters, Social Work

“I have been challenged to view the world from a broader perspective and to integrate the MRF values and life lessons learnt into shaping my future. I am touched by the passion of this group of Scholars. I am ready to try to leave a legacy of value in our country. This year marks the beginning of a journey of service excellence and impact.”

Lisa Chella
Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating Institution: University of Zululand
Current Institution: University of Zululand
Degree: Masters, Animal Science

“I am surrounded by awe-inspiring, intelligent, highly motivated, responsible and humble young adults. Now my dreams are suddenly within my grasp because the MRF and the Mandela Rhodes legacy has made me realise with crystal clarity that whatever I believe, I can most definitely achieve. The fact that I will be serving others in the process makes all my efforts more rewarding.”

Magalie Bueyasadila
Country of origin: Congo
Nominating Institution: Tshwane University of Technology
Current Institution: Tshwane University of Technology
Degree: Masters, Sustainable Energy

“Being an African has become not only a privilege to me, but also a huge responsibility. Privilege because we have the history of our predecessors for reference, and responsibility because of the duty to do better. I have learnt that true leaders should not fight to convince people, but rather walk the talk, in order to inspire willingness from others. For once, I truly believe in Africa.”

Hayley Chewins
Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating Institution: Independent
Current Institution: University of the Witwatersrand
Degree: Honours, English Literature

“I feel incredibly humbled to be surrounded by so many people who have a clear vision of what they want to achieve individually and who are committed to seeing Africa realise its potential through the exercise of their talents. I feel very proud to be African and excited to be a part of Africa’s future.”

Jessica Baker

Lisa Chella

Magalie Bueyasadila

Hayley Chewins
Introducing the Mandela Rhodes Scholars of 2013

Marcelle du Toit
Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating Institution: AFDA
Current Institution: AFDA
Degree: Honours, Motion Picture Medium

“This initial workshop has been an enriching and empowering experience, challenging my perceptions of leadership and the world around me. It is such a privilege to be surrounded by like-minded individuals with a generosity of spirit likened to our patrons. I look forward to engaging with our 2013 cohort to challenge and develop young talent within South Africa and to create a new united African identity.”

Michael Glover
Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating Institution: Rhodes University
Current Institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: Masters, History

“It is for me a tremendous privilege (and relief) to be among these particularly enthused, talented and socially responsible young Africans. I lucidly recognise that this privilege is accompanied by great responsibility. I endeavour to affirm the confidence placed in me. I extend my deep thanks to all who have made this marvellous Foundation flourish.”

Camille Fredericks
Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating Institution: University of the Western Cape
Current Institution: University of the Western Cape
Degree: Honours, Industrial Psychology

“In my life I have learnt one thing – just when you’re about to reach your dreams, the soul of the world decides to test all that you have learned. It is beautiful to find yourself in a space where you are challenged to think beyond whom you are, what you know and where you think you are going. At first it seems daunting, but once you open your mind and your heart you reach remarkable mind-shifting realisations. This is an experience the MRF can provide.”

David Hatherell
Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating Institution: Stellenbosch University
Current Institution: Stellenbosch University
Degree: Honours, Actuarial Science

“Participating in a group with individuals from all over the continent is an experience I will never forget. The MRF offers a unique journey where one is able to learn from every participant and where each Scholar gains an interest in a different discipline. I feel privileged to be a Mandela Rhodes Scholar.”
Introducing the Mandela Rhodes Scholars of 2013

Jean-Jacques Kriel
Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating Institution: Stellenbosch University
Current Institution: Stellenbosch University
Degree: Masters, Civil Engineering

‘Having your name engraved in history as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar creates a feeling of influence, opportunity and challenge. Influence in that we have incredible resources to call upon within our network. Opportunity to develop as leaders and channel our skills and passions. Challenge to continue to perform at a higher level than what we thought possible, breaking down constraints created by perception and not accepting mediocre as a word in our vocabulary of life.’

Nawsheen Lall Mahomed
Country of origin: Mauritius
Nominating Institution: Independent
Current Institution: Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
Degree: Masters, Architecture

‘My experience at our first workshop has been highly enriching, both in terms of grasping the essence of good leadership and also, on a more personal level, in bonding with Scholars from different fields. It has definitely broadened my views and I can say now that I’ve started seeing “how to connect the dots”.’

Franklin Kum
Country of origin: Cameroon
Nominating Institution: University of Johannesburg
Current Institution: University of Johannesburg
Degree: Masters, Development Economics

‘I felt the love, affection and beauty of the Mandela Rhodes family. Above all, I learnt that each and every one of us is unique in terms of our talents and that with the will, we can have the ability to make a difference in our communities.’

Kelebone Lekunya
Country of origin: Lesotho
Nominating Institution: Independent
Current Institution: University of Pretoria
Degree: Masters, Town & Regional Planning

‘This has been a humbling and great experience, to be with this great team of Mandela Rhodes Scholars and the Scholarships team. The legacies of Mr Mandela and Mr Rhodes have really inspired me “to make the world a better place to live in”.’
Introducing the Mandela Rhodes Scholars of 2013

Antonio Macheve Jr
Country of origin: Mozambique
Nominating Institution: Independent
Current Institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: Masters, Development Studies

‘I applied to the MRF to be challenged, disciplined, learn and contribute as a young leader. I was challenged constructively, intrigued, learned and hopefully contributed. Thank you Mr Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela and his team for putting me next to the world’s future Fortune 500 CEOs, ministers, presidents, doctors, secretary-generals, filmmakers, novelists, economists, human rights activists and scientists.’

Lihle Mancoba
Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating Institution: Rhodes University
Current Institution: Rhodes University
Degree: Honours, Political Studies & Organisational Psychology

‘My experiences here have exceeded my expectations; my mind has been opened up in phenomenal ways through learning about the amazing legacies of our patrons, about my peers and, through that, about myself. I now have a deeper understanding of the infinite potential we all possess to make a difference. I have never been more passionate and hopeful. More importantly, I have never been more grateful and honoured to be part of a cohort of exceptional leaders, making history.’

Kgomotso Mahole
Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating Institution: North West University
Current Institution: University of Pretoria
Degree: Masters, Statistics

‘The MRF has given me an opportunity to be a part of the history of this country, and to contribute to the world at large. I have learnt that ideas can be changed to reality, but only with a positive mindset, patience and hard work. The future is endless.’

Kegomoditswe Mathobela
Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating Institution: Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
Current Institution: Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
Degree: Masters, Biomedical Technology

‘When I first met my co-Scholars, I thought of them as strangers but over the past few days I’ve gained 26 awesome friends, who are all different and unique in their views and opinions but together with me have the same vision for Africa – to get it equipped with exceptional leaders who will take our continent to the highest level. And I have no doubt that the MRF will produce these leaders.’
Introducing the Mandela Rhodes Scholars of 2013

Abigail McDougall

Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating Institution: Rhodes University
Current Institution: Stellenbosch University
Degree: BPhil, Sustainable Development

‘The first workshop both challenged and inspired me. I moved from awe and disbelief to inspiration and excitement. Our cohort is diverse, energetic, and accepting; the ideal group to share this new beginning with. I learnt three main things: The first is the legacy we are privileged to be part of; the second an opening up towards the cohort; and the third was learning to turn inward and think about what exactly it is that I want to do, how I want to do it, and how I work as a leader.’

Hazel Moyo

Country of origin: Zimbabwe
Nominating Institution: University of Fort Hare
Current Institution: University of Fort Hare
Degree: Masters, Business Management

‘An exciting, enlightening, incredible experience it has been. Meeting and being in the company of great leaders of the 21st century, people of diverse cultures and careers but with an ambition similar to mine of taking Africa to greater heights through various means. So much inspiration to do more. If Rhodes and Mandela did it, I can do it too.’

Thokozile Mcopele

Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating Institution: TSiBA
Current Institution: University of Johannesburg
Degree: Honours, Strategic Management

‘The primary learning for me in this workshop was that I should focus more on who I am and my vision – and how that vision will add value to this world. It will be a long and tough journey, which does require me to trust myself and what God intends for me and others. Meeting this cohort has also made me realise that God’s intention for me has been made real and will continue to be, when I trust. I am merely a vessel.’

Joan Obwaka

Country of origin: Kenya
Nominating Institution: Independent
Current Institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: Honours, Justice & Transformation

‘I had an amazing time with my cohort. Even though we were together only a few days, I felt like we’d known each other for months. To imagine that this is only just the beginning of what I’m sure will be an amazing year is beyond belief. I look forward to learning more about myself, my cohort and finding out how I can in my own unique way, contribute to the legacy that Nelson Mandela and Cecil Rhodes have left for us.’
Introducing the Mandela Rhodes Scholars of 2013

Shabeerah Ramkhalawon

Country of origin: Mauritius  
Nominating Institution: Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University  
Current Institution: Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University  
Degree: Masters, Pharmacy

‘I’m grateful to be here but also realise the responsibility entrusted to me. It is important to pool people who think alike and aim to achieve their dreams – “great minds think alike”, indeed. Nelson Mandela did not have resources but he grouped people together to make a change. We are at least given the platform and resources to achieve. Thank you MRF for the opportunity to make a difference.’

Jeremy Rose

Country of origin: South Africa  
Nominating Institution: University of Cape Town  
Current Institution: University of Cape Town  
Degree: Honours, Environmental & Geographical Science

‘To find oneself surrounded by some of Africa’s brightest young minds, to interrogate and learn from the legacies of two of Africa’s greatest leaders, and to benefit from the incredible experience and wisdom of the Scholarship’s Trustees and staff is humbling, challenging and inspiring. It will, I am certain, stand out as one of the experiences that shape a lifetime.’

Nkhiphitheni Ramukakate

Country of origin: South Africa  
Nominating Institution: Independent  
Current Institution: University of Pretoria  
Degree: Honours, Applied Science - Mining

‘I felt inspired and challenged. I’ll now be able to see myself in a four-dimensional view and be inspired to balance my leadership, educational, entrepreneurial and reconciliatory qualities in order to build exceptional leadership capacity in Africa. I believe from the experience from other cohorts and the knowledge gained by me from various speakers that I am an agent of change and nothing is impossible. All we need to do is to be accountable.’

Leticia Taimo

Country of origin: Mozambique  
Nominating Institution: Monash SA  
Current Institution: University of Cape Town  
Degree: Honours, International Relations

‘Such a mind-blowing and inspiring experience, that gave me so much strength in pursuing what I believe in. It is so great and reassuring to know that I am not alone on this path to achieve amazing things for Africa, so all I can say is thank you to the Scholars and the Foundation for making me not doubt my dreams anymore. This is only the beginning.’
Introducing the Mandela Rhodes Scholars of 2013

Sumaiyya Thawer
Country of origin: Tanzania
Nominating Institution: University of Cape Town
Current Institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: Masters, Clinical Laboratory Science

‘It has been a very enriching few days and I feel very motivated. I have learnt a lot and feel inspired by the different stories heard from this diverse group of brilliant scholars who share a common vision for Africa. I feel very privileged to be a Mandela Rhodes Scholar and I hope to live up to the legacies left by Nelson Mandela and Cecil John Rhodes by instilling lessons we have learnt from them, and becoming good visionary leaders for our continent.’

Rutendo Usayi
Country of origin: Zimbabwe
Nominating Institution: Monash SA
Current Institution: University of Johannesburg
Degree: Honours, Certificate in Theory of Accounting

‘I am looking forward to the future, being surrounded by people who have similar visions, who have the wildest dreams and who believe they are achievable. I realised that it is not resources that I lack but it is the fear of the unknown. It is the interest and the drive that will find me the resources to bring my dream to reality. Age is nothing but a number. Rhodes was 17 when he started his mining business and Mandela was 71 when he started running a country. Now I am ready to pursue my vision.’

Joanie van der Merwe
Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating Institution: University of the Free State
Current Institution: Stellenbosch University
Degree: Masters, Intercultural Communication

‘I am truly inspired by the diversity of all the Scholars. It reminded me of how fields of expertise but also personalities can complement each other, and the incredible power that flows from this. It is absolutely extraordinary to be part of a group of people who possess the same line of thought as you – we are such a great community! This experience truly encouraged me to use my God-given skills, talents and abilities to passionately serve this country.’
The Friends of the Mandela Rhodes Foundation (USA)

A MESSAGE FROM THE FoMRF

The organisations that Friends of the Mandela Rhodes Foundation support celebrate 10 years of progress in 2013!

FoMRF has been delighted to be acquainted with many of the students who have gone on to add to the building of new possibilities in their emerging African nations. FoMRF has provided over $650,000 in grants in 2012, bringing our total grants funded to over $5.6 million.

FoMRF has endowed six Mandela Rhodes Scholarships and plans to endow a seventh in 2013.

FoMRF has helped fund the Community of Mandela Rhodes Scholars (CMRS), which aims to extend the leadership development aspect of the Mandela Rhodes Scholarships. FoMRF has supported CMRS since its inception.

Elsewhere, FoMRF’s support over the last seven years has allowed the South African Education and Environment Project (SAEP) to expand its Bridging Year program substantially and continue laying the groundwork for a larger Bridging Academy. Bridging Year is an intensive, full-time, year-long program of individual mentorship, academic tutoring, and community service aimed at preparing recent graduates of township high schools for tertiary education.

The Friends of the Mandela Rhodes Foundation is proud to have been a partner in its support of the MRF mission of building a new generation of leaders for South Africa.

The Friends of the Mandela Rhodes Foundation is proud to have been a partner in its support of the MRF mission of building exceptional leadership capacity in Africa now about to celebrate 10 years.

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

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Mr Glenday was associated with Federal City Capital Advisors, LLC in Washington DC. He has provided bank expert witness services in London on arbitration. He was in New York with Union Bank of Switzerland as a managing director, with UBS in Zurich, and with the World Bank Group in Washington. Mr Glenday was a founding director of Friends of South African Schools Fund, Inc., a non-profit organisation supporting previously disadvantaged high school students. He received a BS (Engineering and Applied Science) from Yale, and a BPhil (Management Studies) as a Rhodes Scholar (South African College School & Magdalen 1970).

Mariette Geldenhuys, Secretary
Ms Geldenhuys practices law in the Law Office of Mariette Geldenhuys in Ithaca, New York. She served as City Attorney for the City of Ithaca and is the founder of the Ithaca Area Collaborative Law Professionals. She is a member of the National Family Law Advisory Council of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, and a member of the Diversity Task Force of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals. Ms Geldenhuys obtained her law degree from the University of Pretoria, South Africa, before attending Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar (South Africa-at-Large & New College 1984).

Allison Gilmore, Treasurer
Dr Gilmore is an Assistant Adjunct Professor in Mathematics at the University of California, LA. She received her PhD in Mathematics from Columbia University, New York in 2011. As a Rhodes Scholar (Minnesota & Green College 2004) she graduated in 2006 with an MPhil with distinction in Sociology. Her research interests include low-dimensional topology and geometry, network analysis, social movements, and activism.

David Cohen, Founding Director
Mr Cohen founded Simchah Asset Management, an investment fund focusing on global equities, in 2013. Before Simchah he was one of the founders and partners of Noonday Asset Management and a partner of Farallon and related entities. He has been a vice president at Goldman Sachs, where he had oversight responsibility for the international risk arbitrage portfolio. Mr Cohen was a Rhodes Scholar (South Africa-at-Large & Balliol 1983) earning an MSc in Economics and a BA in Politics, Philosophy and Economics. He was top graduate in Physiology and Biochemistry with a BSc from the University of Witwatersrand, SA.

Renée Hlozek, Co-Treasurer
Dr Hlozek is the Lyman Spitzer Jr Postdoctoral Fellow in Theoretical Astrophysics at Princeton and the Spitzer-Cohan Fellow in the Princeton Society of Fellows in the Humanities. She received her DPhil in Astrophysics from Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar (South-Africa-at-Large and Christ Church 2008). Her research focuses on theoretical cosmology. She was named one of the Mail & Guardian newspaper’s 200 Young South Africans for 2012, and is a 2013 TED Fellow.

Trevor Norwitz
Mr Norwitz is a partner in the law firm Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, New York. He teaches a course at Columbia Law School, is active on bar committees and is a speaker and writer. He chairs the University of Cape Town Fund and founded (with his wife Shannon) Friends of Irayma Labantu, a US nonprofit organisation supporting grassroots work in South Africa. Mr Norwitz received a BBUsSc degree from UCT and read law as a Rhodes Scholar (South African College School & Keble College 1987), before completing a Masters at Columbia.

Rick Stengel
Mr Stengel returned to Time Magazine as managing editor in May 2006, after serving as national editor until 2004. Previously, he served as President and CEO of the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. Mr Stengel is an author who has taught at university level, and has served as a network on-air political commentator. He graduated magna cum laude from Princeton in 1977, and played on its 1975 NIT-winning basketball team. As a Rhodes Scholar (New York & Christ Church 1977), he studied English and History.

John Napier Tye
Mr Tye works for the US Department of State on Internet freedom policy. Previously he worked for the Department of Housing and Urban Development on reform of the housing finance system, and funded by a Skadden Fellowship, at New Orleans Legal Assistance. Mr Tye also worked as investigative reporter covering hate groups for the Southern Poverty Law Center. Holding a JD from Yale Law School, he studied Philosophy, Politics and Economics as a Rhodes Scholar (North Carolina & Lincoln College 1988). He received a BS degree from Duke University.

Trevor Norwitz
Donors who have Established Mandela Rhodes Scholarships

‘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.’

‘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.’

‘Old Mutual is 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.’

‘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.’

‘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.’

‘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.’

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The Mandela Rhodes Foundation is registered as a Trust (Trust No. IT5164/2003), as a Public Benefit Organisation (PBO No. 930004744) and as a Non-Profit Organisation (NPO No. 038-181-NPO).

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Members of the Class of 2012 Mandela Rhodes Scholars at their farewell workshop in Bloemfontain.
The Mandela Rhodes
Financial Results

This is an abridged version of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012, audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc. Full statements are available from The Mandela Rhodes Foundation on request. Financial statements for 2012 have been available since 12 April 2013.

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Trustees’ Responsibility and Approval
For the Year Ended 31 December 2012

The Trustees are required to maintain adequate accounting records and are responsible for the content and integrity of the annual financial statements and related financial information included in this report. It is their responsibility to ensure that the annual 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 judgments 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 pre-determined 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 2013 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 auditor is responsible for independently reviewing and reporting on the Trust’s annual financial statements. The summary financial statements have been examined by the Trust’s external auditor and their report is presented on page 75. The summary financial statements set out on pages 76 – 81, that have been prepared on the going concern basis, were approved by the board on 12 April 2013 and were signed on its behalf by:

[Signatures]

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The summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at 31 December 2012, the summary statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and related notes, as set out in the summary financial statements on pages 78 to 81, are derived from the audited financial statements of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation Trust for the year ended 31 December 2012. We expressed a qualified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated 12 April 2013. The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by International Financial Reporting Standards. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation Trust.

Trustees' Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

The Trust’s trustees are responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial statements in accordance with the basis described in note 1.

Auditor’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 810, “Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.”

Opinion

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial statements of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation Trust for the year ended 31 December 2012 are consistent, in all material respects, with those financial statements, in accordance with the basis described in note 1.

However, the summary financial statements are misstated to the equivalent extent as the audited financial statements of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation Trust for the year ended 31 December 2012.

The misstatement of the audited financial statements is described in our qualified audit opinion in our report dated 12 April 2013. Our qualified audit opinion is based on the fact that the Trust’s cash donations are a significant source of fundraising revenue for The Mandela Rhodes Foundation Trust. The trustees have determined that it is impracticable to establish internal controls over the collection of cash donations prior to the initial entry into its financial records. We were therefore unable to confirm whether all cash donations were recorded. Our qualified audit opinion states that, except for the possible effects of the described matter, those financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation Trust as at 31 December 2012, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.
1. Review of activities

Main business and operations

The Mandela Rhodes Foundation Trust was conceptualised on 9 June 2003 as a joint initiative between Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela and the Rhodes Trustees (hereinafter jointly referred to as “the Founders”).

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

In line with the strategic growth plan referred to above, the number of Mandela Rhodes Scholars elected annually has grown as follows: 8 in 2005; 15 in 2006; 20 in 2007; 23 in 2008; 28 in 2009, 29 in 2010, 27 in 2011 and 23 in 2012. In addition to the annually selected Scholars, the Foundation funds Scholars who are on a Masters programme and their Scholarships are carried over from the previous year (14 Scholars). Costs have therefore increased in line with the strategic growth plan approved by the Trustees and reviewed annually.

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

Net surplus of the Trust was R 83 315 932 (2011: R 18 234 651 surplus), after taxation of R - (2011: R -).

Substantial donations were received from The Friends of the Mandela Rhodes Foundation (USA) (R5 088 000), The Leverhulme Trust (R6 582 339), Old Mutual (R10 176 000) and The Mandela Rhodes Foundation Trust Two (R30 493 804).

In addition the Foundation continued to receive the annual benefaction from the Rhodes Trust. An amount of £500 000 (R6 350 430) was received for the year ending 31 December 2012 (2011: £500 000 (R5 660 371)).

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

At the 27 March 2009, Board of Trustees meeting, the Trustees made a decision to diversify the investment portfolio from a capital preserving ‘money market’ mandate towards a more growth-oriented investment mandate as per the advice from the Investment Committee and following advice from RisCura who had earlier been appointed as the Investment Consultants for the Foundation. Following that decision, the endowment funds were transitioned from the original money market fund to a portfolio which includes local equities, foreign equities, inflation-linked SA government bonds and money market assets. These different asset classes are being managed in specific funds by a number of select market-leading managers (as advised by RisCura). They are currently invested in unitised funds and, in one instance, in a segregated mandate (with Element Asset Managers). In all cases, the funds or mandates chosen match the relevant investment objectives per asset class or asset strategy required to achieve the investment objectives of the Foundation.

4. Trustees

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

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<tr>
<td>Gert Gerwel</td>
<td>Mandela Nominee</td>
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<td>Mohamed Ibrahim</td>
<td>Mandela Nominee</td>
<td>(Co-opted 16 March 2012)</td>
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<td>Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka</td>
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<td>Yvonne Mokgoro</td>
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<td>John Hood</td>
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<td>Donald Markwell</td>
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<td>John McCall MacBain</td>
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<td>Julian Ogilvie Thompson</td>
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5. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee at 31 December 2012 were:

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<td>Gert Gerwel (Chairman)</td>
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<td>Julian Ogilvie Thompson</td>
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6. Remuneration Committee

The Remuneration Committee at 31 December 2012 were:

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7. Finance, Audit and Risk Committee
The Finance, Audit and Risk Committee at 31 December 2012 were:
Mustaq Brey (Chairman)
Tim Cumming
Gert Gerwel (Deceased 28 November 2012)
Njabulo Ndebele (Resigned 13 November 2012)
Julian Ogilvie Thompson

8. Investment Committee
The Investment Committee at 31 December 2012 were:
Tim Cumming (Chairman)
Gert Gerwel (Deceased 28 November 2012)
Shaun Johnson
Julian Ogilvie Thompson

9. Endowment donation
In December 2012 the Trustees of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation Trust Two took the decision to donate surplus funds of R30 493 804 to The Mandela Rhodes Foundation. This money will be invested in an endowment fund and the income from this fund will be used annually to fund Mandela Rhodes Scholarships exclusively for young black Africans. The Terms and Conditions of this donation is as set out in an agreement between the two parties. As a result of this donation, The Mandela Rhodes Foundation will no longer charge a Scholar Cost to The Mandela Rhodes Foundation Trust Two for funding the annual cost of these Scholarships.

10. Trustee changes
It is with great sadness that the Foundation confirms the passing of founding Trustee and Chairman, Professor Jakes Gerwel. He will be fondly remembered by his friends and colleagues for his invaluable contribution during nearly 10 years as Chairman of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation.
The Foundation would also like to welcome and thank Professor Njabulo Ndebele for accepting the Chairmanship of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation as of 1 March 2013. Professor Ndebele is also a founding Trustee of the Foundation.
The Foundation further welcomes Mr Charles Conn, the Warden-elect of Rhodes House, as a Rhodes Nominee Trustee of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation.

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

12. Auditors
Trustees have approved that PricewaterhouseCoopers will continue in office.

Chairman of the Trust
Date: 12 April 2013
### Summarised Statement of Financial Position

**SUMMARISED FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2012**

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<td>Non-current assets</td>
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<tr>
<td>Property and equipment</td>
<td>12 675 988</td>
<td>12 824 034</td>
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<td>Current assets</td>
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<td>Related party receivable</td>
<td>430 388</td>
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<td>Other financial assets</td>
<td>305 338 432</td>
<td>215 146 360</td>
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<td>Trade and other receivables</td>
<td>192 687</td>
<td>154 565</td>
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<td>Cash and cash equivalents</td>
<td>14 525 588</td>
<td>16 640 646</td>
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<td><strong>Total assets</strong></td>
<td>320 487 095</td>
<td>231 941 571</td>
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<td>333 163 083</td>
<td>244 765 605</td>
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<td>Capital and reserves</td>
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<td>Trust capital</td>
<td>6 728 943</td>
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<td>Reserves</td>
<td>245 996 355</td>
<td>187 105 782</td>
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<td>Accumulated surplus</td>
<td>78 302 811</td>
<td>47 527 022</td>
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<td><strong>Total equity and liabilities</strong></td>
<td>331 028 109</td>
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## Summarised Statement of Comprehensive Income

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012**

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<td>Other income</td>
<td>55 602 816</td>
<td>18 954 540</td>
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<td>Operating expenses</td>
<td>(16 015 533)</td>
<td>(15 457 407)</td>
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<td><strong>OPERATING SURPLUS</strong></td>
<td>82 239 547</td>
<td>17 300 614</td>
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<td>Finance income</td>
<td>1 080 637</td>
<td>937 170</td>
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<td>Finance costs</td>
<td>(4 252)</td>
<td>(3 133)</td>
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<td><strong>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</strong></td>
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<td><strong>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</strong></td>
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### Summarised Statement of Changes in Equity

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012**

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<td>12 437 356</td>
<td>74 454 627</td>
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# Summarised Statement of Cash Flows

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012**

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<td>Cash generated from operations</td>
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<td>Finance income</td>
<td>R 1 080 637</td>
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<td>Finance costs</td>
<td>(R 4 252)</td>
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<td>Net cash from operating activities</td>
<td>R 41 661 409</td>
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<td>Purchase of property, plant and equipment</td>
<td>(R 91 439)</td>
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<td>Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment</td>
<td>R 36 044</td>
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<tr>
<td>Purchases of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</td>
<td>(R 50 071 499)</td>
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<td>Net cash from investing activities</td>
<td>(R 50 126 894)</td>
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<td>Rhodes Trust</td>
<td>R 6 350 427</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total cash, cash equivalents and bank overdraft movement for the year</td>
<td>(R 2 115 058)</td>
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<td>Cash, cash equivalents and bank overdrafts at the beginning of the year</td>
<td>R 16 640 646</td>
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<td>R 14 525 588</td>
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**NOTE 1: NOTE TO THE SUMMARISED FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**Basis of preparation**

The summarised financial statements do not include all of the information required for full annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the 31 December 2012 annual financial statements. The annual financial statements of the Trust as at and for the year ended 31 December 2012 are available for inspection at the Trust’s business address. The summarised financial statements are prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.
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www.mandelarhodes.org

Artwork by Bronwyn Tarr
Mandela Rhodes Scholar,
(Namibia & UCT 2008)
‘Let our peoples, the ones formerly poor citizens and the others good patricians – politicians, business people, educators, health workers, scientists, engineers and technicians, sports people and entertainers, activists for charitable relief – join hands to build on what we have achieved together and help construct a humane African world, whose emergence will say a new order is born in which we are each our brother’s keeper.

‘And so let that outcome, as we open a millennium, herald the advent of a glorious summer of a partnership for freedom, peace, prosperity and friendship.

‘Today we celebrate a century of achievement by the Rhodes Trust through the founding of a new initiative based on a new partnership.

‘Bringing together those two names represents a symbolic moment in the closing of the historic circle. And we know with confidence that The Mandela Rhodes Foundation will substantively contribute to a better life for the people of South Africa and the African continent.

‘It was in South Africa that Cecil John Rhodes made most of the money which he left in legacy for scholars from across the world to benefit from for the past hundred years.

‘It speaks of a growing sense of global responsibility that in this second century of its operations the Rhodes Trust finds it appropriate to redirect attention and resources back to the origin of that wealth.

‘We can only imagine how Rhodes himself would have identified with this decision to develop human capacity in modern-day South Africa, enabling that country to continue being a competitive presence in the world as it was during his times.

‘We are mindful of the honour and significance attached to our name in this joining up with that of Cecil John Rhodes. We recognise that the name and person of Mandela are being accorded historic symbolism in this new initiative.

‘We shall be truly honoured if all who use our name in praise do so in full recognition that what is accorded Mandela should stand for every single South African and African. We would feel demeaned if adulation paid to us is to set us apart from the masses from which we come and in whose name we achieved whatever it is we are deemed to have achieved.

‘Ours is the name for the labourer who toils on the African farm, fighting for a life of dignity; the girl child battling against great odds for an opportunity to realise her potential; the poor AIDS orphan bereft of family or care; the rural poor eking out a subsistence, deprived of the most basic services and facilities. It is in their names and those of others like them, and in the name of all South Africans, that we lend ours to this initiative, seeking that a better future be built for all of them.

‘In this, I am certain, Cecil John Rhodes and I would have made common cause.’

_Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela_

_Westminster Hall, London, 2nd July 2003_