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Message from our **CHAIRMAN**

We are starting 2021 as the “new normal” on all spheres. The commencement of the academic year has been negatively impacted by the second Covid wave. However, we cannot afford to sacrifice the need and basic human desire for increased knowledge. We will all have to make the needed sacrifices to attain the desired end goals.

The MIKS Foundation has received a vast number of applications for educational bursaries. This has been handled within the rules of the scheme, as well as recognising the financial capacity of the Foundation.

Our bursary scheme has a national footprint and for the 2021 academic year we have awarded 18 bursaries, inclusive of 9 repeat bursaries.

The Foundation recognises the importance of additional support required by its bursars, and Foundation staff interact with bursars at regular intervals, evaluating semester performance, providing assistance in securing practical training opportunities, etc.

The Foundation’s electronic platform has been upgraded and enhanced and now includes Facebook and Instagram.

On behalf of the Trustees, we wish to congratulate all bursars and remain positive that they will be excellent torchbearers of the Foundation’s values and ethics.

Achmat Mohamed

2021

LEADERSHIP SUMMITS

The MIKS Foundation hosts various Leadership Summits on an annual basis which serve as Forums for business men and women to observe, debate and discuss leadership perspectives and challenges. Interactive panel discussions with speakers provide a valuable opportunity for attendees to enhance their own leadership skills.

A reminder of the upcoming Leadership Summits for 2021. We encourage you to put these dates in your diary now, as the events fill up quickly.

- ♥ NMB Leadership Summit presented in partnership with Nelson Mandela University Business School: 8-9 June 2020 (Morning Sessions)
- ♥ NWU Leadership Summit: date TBA
- ♥ Tshwane Leadership Summit: date TBA

LAPTOP HANDOVER

Our beneficiaries are working online due to the Covid-19 pandemic, which has proven to be a challenge for many students. Acoustex Group kindly donated a laptop to Ebrahim George in order to ensure that he is able to continue with his studies online. We would like to thank Acoustex for their generosity.



DRIVING YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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30 SEPTEMBER 2021

GOLF DAY



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OUR BURSARS

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Zarrin Lindoor



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UPDATE FROM OUR BENEFICIARIES



GERALDINE MANGWIRO

I am studying BA Humanities at the University of Johannesburg. This is my second year, my modules are Communication and Media, Politics and English. I particularly enjoy Politics because there is so much I can learn about the state of our country, world politics and how my generation can make choices that will ensure that the country, and the world is governed in such a way that ensures human existence is not in jeopardy.

I started my second year with online learning, like all other students, and it doesn't get any easier, but I am learning how to adjust. I am quite anxious about this academic year because I am a senior and I have to make sure that all my varsity affairs are in order. However, I accept that challenge with open arms because I am growing through such challenges.

As for my plans for the future, since I want to major in Politics, I am conducting a research on what else a political analyst does, and how I can equip myself for future employment.



EDITH MOLIKOE

I am a student at the University of Pretoria and this is my second year and I will be studying BEd which is Education. I'm super excited for this year that is coming ahead because I will be studying something I've always wanted to study. I'm excited for the education part of my life then on the sporting field we are hoping to have most of the events that did not happen last year, but it's also an exciting year because I've been working really hard to be where I am at the moment. The future is very exciting for me because there is so much I want to accomplish in life and hoping that once I'm done with my studies that I can go overseas and play hockey and do something great with my degree.



EBRAHIM GEORGE

I'm currently studying B.Ed Intermediate Phase Teaching. In terms of my studies this year I feel good about it, we scheduled to have 50% online and 50% in class lecturers, so I feel that this year I'll learn a lot more instead of just chasing deadlines like last year.

For my future, I have a plan to teach overseas once I'm done with my studies. I would like to teach in South Africa for about 3 years before going to either the UAE or Australia to teach. That is my plan for the future.



BIANCA NIEMAND

I'm a second year Bachelor of Business Administration student at Rosebank College. I'm both excited and nervous about this academic year however 2020 went very well despite being a challenging year, therefore I believe that this year will also go well. A lot of hard work awaits but I'm ready for it.



BRITLEY JACOBS

I am starting my first year studying a Diploma of Nursing at Life College of Learning in Port Elizabeth.

I am nervous as I still need to get used to the new environment but I am really excited for this new chapter in my life and all that the nursing world has to offer.

In the future I'd like to specialise in something, but I am still figuring out in which direction I'd like to go into as there are so many opportunities.



YOLANDA MGAZA

I am currently studying Communicative English at the University of Witwatersrand. Communicative English is a 3-month short course that aims to develop English as a Second Language (ESL) students' General English receptive and productive skills in listening, reading, writing and speaking. The reason why I chose this course is that I saw it would be beneficial to my future studies, work and life. I am happy that I already see progress with only a month into this course and I cannot wait for the results.

I am feeling very optimistic about this year, in as much as Covid19 has been a huge inconvenience in so many people's lives. One good thing that came out of it for me was that it gave me time to restructure and plan how to achieve my goals. I plan on applying for a Master's course in Economics at Tshwane University of Technology either for 2021 if they open their applications or for 2022. In the meantime, I am searching for a job because I want to have good work experience by the time I get my Master's degree.



MIKHAIL LINDOOR

The two years that I have been Varsity college has really taught me discipline. When the pandemic forced us to switch and learn online, I had to adjust myself and it taught me that I had to constantly be on my feet. During the lockdown I achieved 9 distinctions which wasn't easy to do with a lot of other distractions as well. I put my education first because I want to prove to many people that I can get to the top by working hard and not stopping. I will continue to give my all.





ZARYN ABBU

I intend to study astronomy/Astrophysics because of my interest in space and the extended Cosmos . As a child I have always had a fascination with stars and whats beyond it. To be able to pursue this course of study is a great honour and privilege.

Now that my school career has come to an end , I cannot help but feel nervous at the prospect of entering this new chapter of my life. The nervousness is also accompanied with the excitement of a fresh start, and the chance to have a fun University experience even though it might be an online experience for a while.

I have no doubt that this experience will help me grow as a person and expand my capabilities in ways that I would never have thought possible. As for plans for the future , I intend to learn as much as possible about the science of space . Hopefully work for the institutes that are pioneering space research.

I would like to thank the MIKS Foundation for giving me the opportunity to reach for my dreams without the financial woes.



MGAZA ATHULE

I have been accepted at the University of Johannesburg and I'll pursue my studies there. My modules begin late next month and I'm so grateful that this bursary has funded my studies for this year because it's such a relief to know that my fees are taken care of and I'll be able to pay full attention on my studies and career.

I applied for a Diploma in Accounting. It is a three year course and I'm very optimistic about this year and how things are going and all is left for me to do is to excel on my studies and to be grateful to be given this opportunity.



ZARRIN LINDOOR

I have applied for the Honours in Industrial Psychology (1st choice) as well as Honours in Psychological counselling. I have been accepted for the 2nd choice. I have requested that the University re-consider my application for Industrial Psychology or alternatively an articulation route for which I am still awaiting feedback. So I decided to further my I decided to further my studies this year as I felt I really needed to further improve my career prospects and mould myself into a well-rounded HR practitioner. I look forward to having my studies done online as this will allow me to be more flexible and also work on my time management. Enhancing my skills and knowledge while working at Acoustex will provide me with a competitive advantage in future. I am sure that pursuing my studies in Psychological counselling or Industrial Psychology will equip me with a more self-assured and assertive mindset.

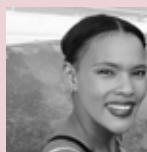


SHAKEERA BARRY

This year I am going to study Human Movement Science at NMU. From a very young age I have always been fascinated about how the body functions.

I am feeling very excited about this year, facing the new challenges of the university life and what it has to offer.

My plans for the future, after graduating, is that I want to work at a government institution to provide for the less fortunate, who cannot afford expensive medical benefits and putting my expertise to good use. After a few years of building up experience I want to open my own practice as a physiotherapist. God willing.



ENASTACIA CLAASEN

I am a Dance Teaching major in Performance Arts-Dance.

I have currently completed my National Diploma in Dance and am awaiting graduation dates. I have applied at University to obtain my Advance Diploma in Performance Arts, specialising in Dance and Choreography.

I feel positive and moreover excited about the new year, mainly because I can finally do my Advance Diploma/Degree in Performance Arts Dance. I am excited as we will be covering modules which consist of research ethics, the Fundamentals of Research and more. I have most recently been drawn to "Research" and am therefore super excited about the Advance Diploma programme this year.

I am an artist, and dance has always been second nature to me. I became fascinated by the power of the dance as an art form. Dance is therapeutic, it heals, it carries, and teaches great discipline.

Over the past three years of studying dance I came to learn that dance is so much more than the "Beauty, Pliès, Ronds De Jambes, High kicks, Spirals and Fun". It is the power of healing through dance that stole my heart, that got me. As I had a first hand experience in 2016/2017. I fell in love with psychological aspect and became interested in the human mind, body and how one deals with the challenges of life, such as trauma. I recently discovered Dance/Movement Therapy as a profession. I did research and read a few articles and immediately knew that I'd love to do my Honours degree in Dance/Movement Therapy. My passion is dancing but I later came to learn that I actually want to help people with dance or through dance.

I always wondered if I had to do my Honours and/or Masters degree what I would specialise in and what my topic would be? I always knew it would be in the lane of Dance and the Arts but was never able to find a research topic that drives me. Most recently learning about Dance/Movement Therapy, I think I finally found the major that can allow me to base my research on the "The power of healing through dance" how it's not just dance as one would see, but rather the deeper psychological aspect of Dance as an art form.

I am excited for the journey of 2021 and also for the future. Moreover, I am extremely grateful, thankful and appreciative of the opportunity MIKS Foundation has given me to move one step closer to my dreams.





CANDY MATUBA

I am currently doing my 2nd year at Potchefstroom Collage of Agriculture, studying mixed farming. I am so excited about this year because we're going to get into more details with this course and we're going to have more practicals than last year. One other thing is we're having animal health, one of the modules I've been waiting for.

I would love to own a farm so that I can create generational wealth for my family and future children. I am also passionate about animals and the care and responsibility that is necessary to provide for them. Hence why I am hoping to further my studies and expand my knowledge in veterinary science.

I want to be a role model for people back in Gamatlala, my community and encourage them to also engage in agricultural activities.



FEZEKA MANYONI

I am a student at Brooklyn City College in Johannesburg. I'm studying a two year course in National Diploma in Policing.

I want to thank the MIKS Foundation for helping me financially with my studies. Without them I would not have made it this far. This year I'm doing my final year and I'm so happy because I didn't think I would be doing my final year because of Covid as many schools were closed and the challenges we faced with online learning, but through all those challenges we made it.

I'm studying hard to make myself and the MIKS Foundation proud and to finish my course.

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LETTER OF THANKS

Good day Chairman,

I am writing to thank you for your generous donation towards my school fees. I was very happy and appreciative to learn that I was selected as the recipient of your donation.

By awarding me the donation, you lightened my financial burden, which allowed me to focus more on the most important aspect of school: learning. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.

I am pleased to announce that subject to a few minor corrections on my thesis, I have completed my MBA programme with an average of 72%. Once again, thank you so much for the donation and I hope that one day I can be able to show your organisation how grateful I am.

Yours sincerely,
Noluchumo Mtyu

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