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Message from our **CHAIRMAN**



This edition is our second newsletter under the Miks Foundation banner. The new brand has now been established in the market place and the Foundation is continuing to grow its footprint.

As the year nears its end, we ponder on what awaits us in the New Year. We are caught in a debt spiral, unemployment figures are at an all-time high, the economy is constrained and overall growth in the Country is hardly positive. The strain on school leavers trying to secure employment is unbearable and lack of employment opportunities leads to an increase in social ills.

We must however remain positive, and if we look at the Foundation's achievements this past year we can afford to take pride in its activity profile. Our total 2019 bursar count is 9, of this figure 4 were new bursars. The foundation takes great pride in the excellent performance of its bursars, and remains positive that they will indeed be an asset to their communities and society at large, as well as positive ambassadors for the Miks Foundation.

We also successfully had the Foundations' inaugural Golf Day which was very well supported by friends of Miks Investments. The board of trustees has decided to make this an annual event.

We also provided assistance / support to the NSRI, Adhoc Sports development, arts and culture events, as well as a Girls College.

Three leadership summits were hosted. We partnered with the Nelson Mandela University's Business School in hosting the Port Elizabeth event. Our partners for Pretoria was the Tshwane University of Technology's Business School and the Western Cape summit had the Stellenbosch University's Business School as the Foundation's partner. All three summits had prominent national speakers on the program and attendees reacted very positive to the days' proceedings.

It is important for all of us to always remain conscious of the main objective of the foundation: **"To open up opportunities for those who would not otherwise be able to capitalise and derive benefit from such opportunities, due to lack of the various means required"** The bulk of the Foundation's funds are applied to achieve this objective.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I wish to acknowledge the important role of the Foundation's donors, and express our heartfelt appreciation for their continued support.

My fellow trustees support and dedication is highly valued, and without it the Foundation will struggle to fulfil its mandate.

I wish all associated with the Miks Foundation, no matter in how small a way a restful festive season and a blessed New Year.

Achmat Mohamed

2019 BENEFICIARIES

Our Beneficiaries in 2019
were as follows:

Enastacia Claasen
Tshwane University
2nd Year, Dance /Arts

Onkgopotse Ledwaba
UNISA
Diploma – Law

Felicia Mashaba
Boston Campus
4th Year, Network Systems

Tshidi Mnisi
Rosebank College
1st Year, Bachelor of IT
Business Systems

Thulisa Tshabeni
NMU
Masters – Engineering

Loryn Cloete
NMU
2nd Year, BA

Azraa Hendricks
NMU
2nd Year, BPharm

Candice Dawson
NMU
2nd Year, Music
Interdisciplinary Studies

Andiswa Sem
UNISA
1st Year, Economic
Management Science

THANK YOU DONATION OF SEWING MACHINES

Respected Members of the Miks Foundation.

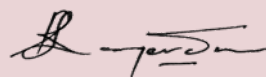
May this letter reach you in the best of health and spirits.

We, the trustees and staff of Madrasatu Banaatil Islaam - Islamic Girls College hereby wish to express our sincere gratitude to your organization for the assistance you have awarded to our institute. Indeed the additional sewing machines has brought so much of joy and happiness to our students and staff. It pleases one to know that there still exists such people like yourselves who strive to empower and aid those less fortunate in society.

May the Almighty grant success to your organization and may He continue to use you all for the upliftment and benefit of society and mankind at large.

Thank you!

Yours faithfully



Riyaad Lagerdien

Principal
Madrasatu Banaatil Islaam
Islamic Girls College



**“Education is the most powerful weapon which you
can use to change the world” Nelson Mandela**

MY NETHERLANDS EXPERIENCE

THULISA TSHABENI

In preparing for my trip, I had to apply for a visa. When applying for a Schengen visa to Netherlands, you apply via the agent VFS, not through the Dutch embassy. I made the mistake of booking an appointment with Netherlands embassy. I later realised, by speaking to other South African students who have done the exchange program, that I needed to book with VFS. Fortunately I still had little time to make another appointment. The interview at VFS was informal. They asked for all the relevant documents which I provided and that was it. I received my visa after 15 calendar days.

Accommodation

When I got to Netherlands, I stayed at student accommodation called Duwo Lammersplein situated in the Hague. The Hague is a cosmopolitan city, 50% of the population are Dutch and the other 50% are immigrants. I felt like every nationality on God's green earth is represented in the city. My accommodation was a bedroom, with bathroom and it was fully furnished. The part I enjoyed the most was the heating system, as I was there during fall. So when it was cold outside, when I got to my room it was nice and warm. The other advantage of this student accommodation it is close to the train station, so it is easy to move around the city.

Transport

The major forms of transport in Netherlands, are trains, trams or cycling. I was staying in the Hague, and the campus where we were based was in Delft. Because I cannot cycle, I would take a train to Delft. When I arrived at the Delft train station, most people would take bikes and cycle to campus. I would walk to campus. When it was raining, I would take a bus. But mostly I would walk because I enjoy walking it is therapeutic, especially after a long day. They have many lakes, and I found walking along a lake very peaceful. For transport, I was using an OV chip card we were given by the organizers of the programme. With this card I could travel the entire country. So I took the opportunity of visiting few places before I left.

Course

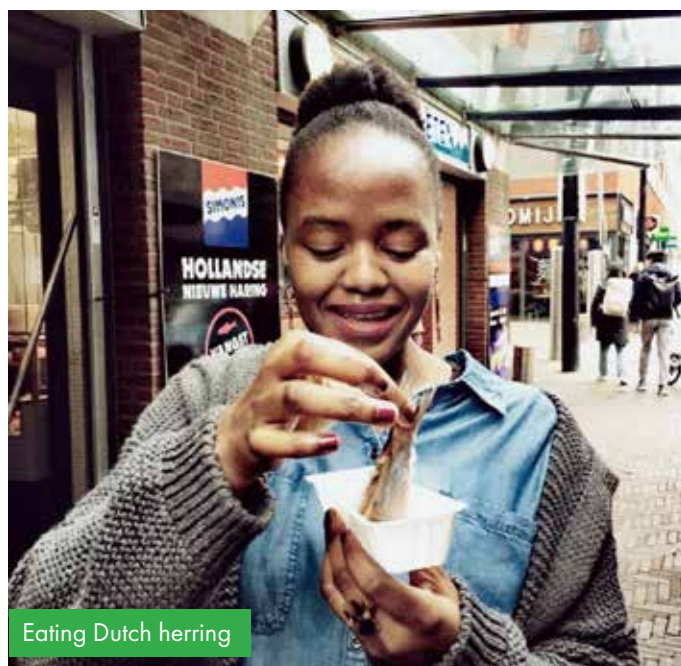
The programme I attended is DCT-REES exchange programme funded by EU. The aim is to develop a programme about DC technologies for South African Universities and also expose SA students to DC systems. My project was to create load profiles, to better design DC system in simulation software for a rural household. The course was good, we also got to visit organizations such as ATAG, DC opportunities. Towards the end of the programme we had a field trip to Germany and Belgium. Europe is not big, you can visit three countries in one day. We visited RWTH Aachen University and Hasselt University, who are also DCT-REES partners.

Prince day

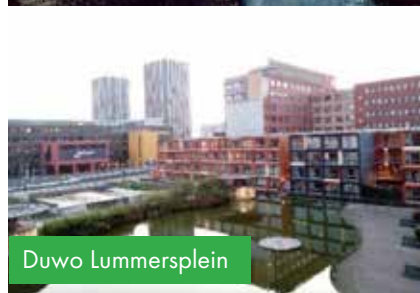
In September, Netherlands celebrated Prince Day. The king toured the Hague in the golden carriage, and afterwards he presented new plans for the upcoming year. I decided to attend the event as it was foreign to me. It was great to see the royal procession, the horses and the army in their full splendor. This type of event is not as celebrated in Netherlands as something similar in Britain. While many people attended, there was also many people who didn't attend.

Culture shock

My ultimate culture shock was the number of bikes I saw on the streets. Netherlands is flat, it makes it easy to cycle. Bikes and cars have separate roads. When crossing the road, cars stop for you but the bikes would not stop for you. Even before I left, I was still not used to be on the lookout for bikes. Basically, bikes in Netherlands are boss. But in overall, it was an amazing experience!!!



Eating Dutch herring



Duwo Lammersplein



Train ride to Delft



Prinsjesday



Field trip to Germany & Belgium



Bike Station





GRADUATION MICHELLE MASHABA

Growing up in a less privileged community offered financial and academic challenges which made me realise the value of education. I then grew an interest in wanting to learn and know more about technology and computers, hence I decided to pursue a career in Information systems, specifically networking. The MIKS foundation then funded me to help me achieve my dream. Studying through the foundation was a wonderful experience which came with the generous support and love from it. If it wasn't for the fund, I wouldn't have been this determined and proud to be a graduate in Network systems. I'm hoping to find employment in 2020 and I would also want to further my studies and become a Networking specialist. A big Thank you to the MIKS foundation for enabling me to reach my fullest personal and professional potential.

LEADERSHIP SUMMITS 2019

The year 2019 encompassed a trio of impactful and awe-inspiring summits on leadership. Most of the audiences stayed until the end as if they did not want to miss out on anything. The feedback we got from all stakeholders was encouraging. They wanted more of the same and looking forward to next year. The themes, i.e. NMB Leadership Summit ("Leadership for a turnaround South African Economy"), NWU Leadership Summit ("Leadership in times of crises: positioning the SA economy towards sustained growth and employment creation.") and Tshwane Leadership Summit ("Leadership on the Edge: How to harness business and government leadership to advance society"), were current and relevant and met with the summits' objectives.



NMB LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

"Leadership for a turnaround South African Economy"

Speakers: Dr. Tashmia Ismail-Saville, Mr. Duke Malan, Mr. Thomas Schaefer, Prof. Derrick Swartz, Mr. Yusuf Abramjee & Mr. Stafford Masie.

Sponsors: MSecure, V-Slots, Standard Bank.



NWU LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

"Leadership in times of crises: positioning the SA economy towards sustained growth and employment creation."

Speakers: Mr. Stafford Masie, Adv. Mtho Xulu, Ms. Michelle Groenewald, Ms. Bongwiwe Beja & Mr. Kgalema Mothlanthe

Sponsor: IDC



TSHWANE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

"Leadership on the Edge: How to harness business and government leadership to advance society"

Speakers: Prof Barney Pityana, Mr. Piet Mouton, Ms. Bongwiwe Beja & Mr. Lincoln Mali.

Sponsors: African Unity and EOH

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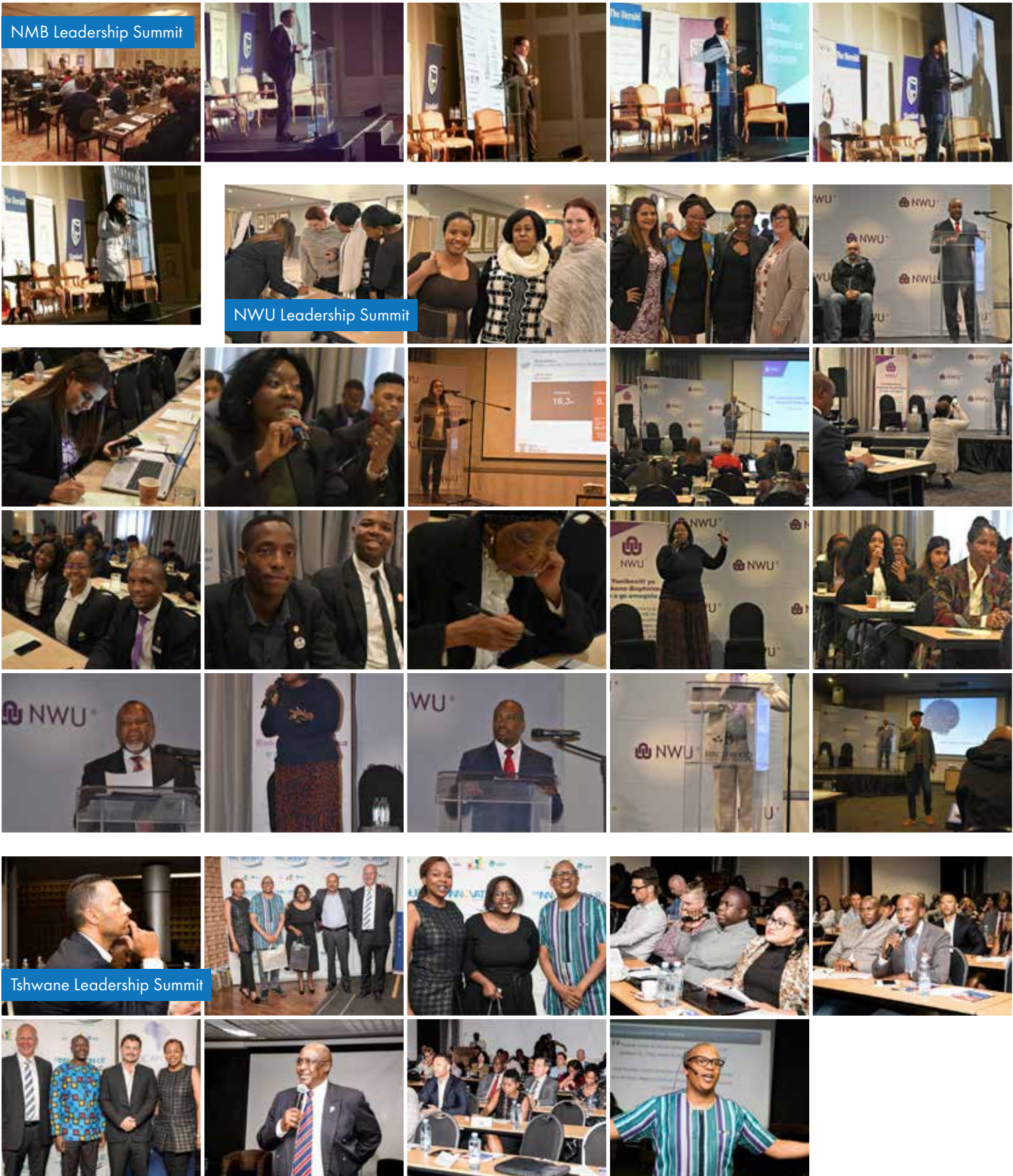
NMB LS: 3 JUNE 2020 AT BOARDWALK CONVENTION CENTRE

NWU LS: 12 AUGUST 2020 AT BIRCHWOOD HOTEL

TSHWANE LS: MID SEPT 2020



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NMB Leadership Summit

NWU Leadership Summit

Tshwane Leadership Summit

THANK YOU TO OUR SPEAKERS AND SPONSORS



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2019 INAUGURAL GOLF DAY

Our Inaugural Golf Day took place on Thursday, 28 March 2019 at the Wedgewood Golf Club. The event was well supported by the local business community and approximately 120 golfers took to the greens.

Event sponsors included business friends and associates of MIKS Investments.

The day was a tremendous success and will definitely contribute positively towards the Foundations' upliftment programmes stretching across education, arts and culture and sports development.

The evening's prize giving dinner which included a very competitive auction concluded the proceedings.

The Golf Day will certainly become an annual event moving forward.



DRIVING **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

SAVE THE DATE

19 MARCH 2020



WEDGEWOOD
Golf and Country Estate



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FAREWELL COR FOKKER

We say a sad farewell to Cor Fokker, who will be taking up a new position in 2020. Cor has been a valuable member of our broader team for 6 years and we thank him for his years of service to the MIKS Foundation, as well as for being a Trustee. You have added to our vision, Cor, and we will miss you. We wish you everything of the best in your new venture!



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2020 BURSARY APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

CRITERIA AND CONTACT DETAILS BELOW:



Trust Registration Number: IT250/2008

NPO Registration Number: 065-430-NPO

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South End, Port Elizabeth, 6001

Postal: PO Box 21406, Port Elizabeth, 6000

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BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Acc Name: MIKS Foundation Trust

Bank: Standard Bank

Acc Number: 080039839

Branch Name: Pickering Street

REF: Your Name

IMPORTANT STEPS

- Request an application form from Shanaaz Ismail (sismail@ilithepe.com)
- Complete all sections and please submit all supporting documentation requested
- Submit the form via e-mail to Shanaaz. Details are on the form.

CRITERIA

- Qualifying employees within the group must have a maximum monthly household income of R15 000.00
- Results for December 2019 must ensure eligibility for University acceptance
- Applicants must complete the application form with supporting documentation

KEY DATES

- 13 December 2019 – Deadline for application form submission
- 1st week of February 2020 – students will be notified of the outcome

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Without your support, we would not be able to assist deserving individuals!

Together we can do much more

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“Only surround yourself with people who will lift you higher” Oprah Winfrey