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Graduation 2012

Approximately 1,500 students will graduate this year. Five ceremonies will take place over the 12, 13 and 14 April. Honorary Doctorates will be conferred on Epainette Mbeki – seasoned human rights campaigner and mother of former President Thabo Mbeki, Ray Louw – veteran media freedom champion, Leymah Gbowee – Liberian peace activist and alumni Mike Bruton – eminent scientist and former head of two Oceans Aquarium and Geoffrey de Jager – co-founder of Anglo Suisse Investment Holdings and philanthropist. In addition special recognition will be given this year to those principled and courageous students who boycotted their graduation ceremonies prior to 1994 as a matter of political commitment or as an act of conscience during the apartheid period.more.

2012 Alumni Events Schedule

Reunions, Get-togethers, Luncheons and Dinners

An Orientation Cocktail Party was held on 4 February for Old Rhodian parents bringing their children to Rhodes. This event gives OR parents the opportunity to meet the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Saleem Badat in a relaxed and informal setting.more.

JK "Girls" 50 Year Anniversary - 12 February. Six young ladies who first registered at Rhodes in 1962 and were together in John Kotze House maintained their friendship over 50 years and returned to campus accompanied by their spouses.more details and pictures.

Reunion, Adelaide, Australia - 21 January - 16 Old Rhodians attended an informal gathering.more + pictures.

Cape Town Old Rhodian Golf Day - 2 March. The next event will be on 14 June at Westlake Golf Club.

Joburg Old Rhodian Golf Events - 4 and 31 March and 5 August and 9 November.

If you are interested in joining either of these golf groups please contact us and we will put you in touch with the co-ordinators.more details. Is there anyone in Durban who would like to start a Golf group?

Forthcoming events.

1980s Reunion - 11 May 2012. Toby Deenik is organising a 1980s Reunion back on Campus. If you are interested in attending contact Toby at toby@gameoflife.co.za or sms 082 459 6708more.

Toronto, Canada - 18 May for a get together with Dr Di Wilmot – Dean of Education and the Vice-Chancellor is hoping to attend a reunion during the first week of September – more details later.

Arts Festival Cocktail Party - 11 July Grahamstown - for visiting Old Rhodians

TEDxRhodesU 2012 "Africa Inspired" - 12 August 2012. This event will feature a selection of local leading thinkers, storytellers and performers (including alumni) sharing "Ideas Worth Spreading". TED is a non-profit group bringing together Technology, Entertainment and Designmore.

Founders' Weekend 24/25 August Grahamstown - meetings of Convocation, the AGM of the Old Rhodian Union and presentation of the Old Rhodian Awards.

Cape Town - 27 and 28 September (Reunion, Dinner for Influential ORs and Luncheon for the over 60s)

Johannesburg - 1 and 2 November (Reunion, Dinner for Influential ORs and Luncheon for the over 60s)

Durban - 12 November (Reunion and Luncheon for the over 60s)

London, United Kingdom - second week of September – more details later.

We are hoping to also hold functions in **Port Elizabeth** and **George/Knysna** but the dates are not set yet. For information on any of the above events please go to the [events webpage](#).

Alumni in the News

Milisuthando Bongela (2003)

Business mogul in the making, writer and fashionista Milisuthando Bongela is making strides internationally as one of four "millennials" in the world represented on a popular CNN business show.more

Eight Old Rhodians participating in The Ubuye Challenge!

Cameron Bellamy (2001), Ryan Palmer (2001), Greg Pienaar (2000), Gordon Simpson (2000), Sam Wells (2000), Micheen Thornycroft (2006), Richard English (2002) and Thato Nabelane (2002) are all participating in the Ubuye Challenge with the aim of raising £250 000 (almost R3 million), the campaign hopes to give half of the funds raised to the Angus Gillis Foundation and the other half to the Africa Gillis Foundation to assist in early child development. At the moment, Cameron and members of the Angus Gillis Foundation are choosing five different sites around the Eastern Cape at which to place five Edutainers to act as crèches.more. (Scroll down for this and other OR news.)

Rhodos Magazine

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Campus News

These are just a sample of the latest news available on the Rhodes web page[more](#).

What's in a name? Naming of a New Hall and Residences.

Rhodes successfully completes the newest residential development project: the Ellen Kuzwayo, Amina Cachalia and Calata residences and the Desmond Tutu Hall. Articles in the Oppidan Press: [Dr Badat's opening address](#) at the Desmond Tutu Hall naming ceremony.

Protest against horror of sexual violence.

It was an eerie, hushed and sombre day at Rhodes University when about 20% of the student population donned purple T- shirts, taped their mouths shut and spent the day demonstrating against the horror of sexual violence in South Africa.[more](#).

Fundraising

Annual Fund

Contributions to the Annual Fund make an enormous difference to the University and permit us to meet important social and educational imperatives and also pursue new initiatives related to research and teaching-learning that would otherwise be constrained by lack of funds.

During our Telethon Campaign in February we managed to raise over R200,000 all thanks to the generosity of our Alumni . We recently started our new campaign "Why I give to Rhodes" and the response has been overwhelming. We received some amazing stories and will include some in our next communication. Thank you for supporting your *alma mater*. Contact Annie Pienaar on +27 (0) 46 603 7024 or email: annualfund@ru.ac.za for further information or play your part and donate directly below. The response to the telephone campaign was so overwhelming that another one will be held in August.



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Rag may no longer happen at Rhodes, but that does not mean that students do not raise money for worthy causes. The Rhodes Alumni Development office (RAD) teamed up with SRC Community Engagement to run a highly successful student fundraising campaign during the second week of March. R28,833.03 was raised by students donating R5 (or more) for the Dean of Students Pocket Money Fund. Founders' Hall raised the most money per student and Helen Joseph was the winning residence.[more](#)

Pieter Dirk Uys fundraising event on 23 November in London – This highly successful event raised R180,000 each for Rhodes University and the Darling Foundation.

Latest Books in our Old Rhodian Bookcase

For more details about Old Rhodian authors - [click here](#).

Written a book? Please donate a copy to the Old Rhodian Bookcase and we will draw attention to it by listing it on our web page and mentioning it in e-news.

Leaders and Misleaders by Andre van Heerden (1965)

Africa's Future by Duncan Clarke (1966)

Footprints: On the trail of those who shaped Tzaneen's History by David Hilton-Barber (1953)

Tabloid Journalism in South Africa and Popular Media, Democracy and Development in Africa by Herman Wasserman, Deputy Head of Rhodes School of Journalism

Why do Aircraft Crash? Pilots and Their Limitations by Steve Murray (1951)

IT'S A FACT: A Book of South African Trivia by Bill Malkin (1970)

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