

The Old Rhodian Union



ALUMNI LEADERSHIP CHAPTER

A LIFELONG ASSOCIATION

The Old Rhodian Union was founded in 1911 by Professor Cullen Bowles and Sir George Cory to form a link between past and present students and staff of Rhodes University. All past students who have attended Rhodes University or Rhodes University College for at least a year, all members of Convocation, past and present Chancellors, University Council members and all past and present members of staff, including members of Associated Institutes are automatically members of the Old Rhodian Union. The Old Rhodian Union annual general meeting is held at the University as close as possible to every Founders' Day (28 August) together with the annual meeting of Convocation.

The Committee of the Union shall consist of the President, the Vice-President, the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer, the Vice-Chancellor, the President of Convocation, the Registrar, the Director of Communication and Advancement, and four other members of the Union elected annually, of whom at least two members shall be members of Convocation.

2015/2016 ORU Committee: President: Rod Walker, Vice-President: Dr James Gambiza, Hon Secretary: Ms Sharon Tweddle, Hon Treasurer: Mr John Gillam, Committee members: Mr Garth Elzerman: Administration assistance is provided by the Communication and Advancement Division: Alumni Relations.

The Alumni Leadership Chapter consists of graduates who performed in a leadership role whilst studying at Rhodes University. This includes SRC, Top 100 Investec, Sub Wardens, House Committee, Society Leaders and Community Engagement Awardees and other students who have shown leadership qualities, whilst at Rhodes. These members will globally connect through national and international chapters, special events, alumni publications, social media and more.

The Alumni Leadership Chapter will:

- Provide a means to connect Alumni to the university and to each other based on geographic location and shared common interests and concerns.
- Support the Old Rhodian Union's programmes and initiatives and assist in expanding the volunteer pool.
- Endorse the university's fundraising campaigns
- Assist in keeping fellow alumni up to date with news from their *alma mater*.
- Work collaboratively with the Old Rhodian Union to reflect the diverse interests and backgrounds of Rhodes alumni.

When you graduate from Rhodes University, you have joined a distinguished and select group of individuals who have a Rhodes degree. Once you leave Grahamstown, the Old Rhodian Union, through the Alumni Office will need your assistance in arranging Reunions, Get-togethers in many parts of the world – those events offer you opportunities to set up networks, and make new contacts, and to enable you to set up Alumni Groups in your area. You will be connected to fellow leaders in your area in order to continue the ethics of “Where Leaders Learn”.

For more information: Please contact alumni@ru.ac.za

