

## **POST GRADUATE HALL REPORT**

### **SECOND SEMESTER 2019**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The post graduate Hall has two residences, Oakdene and Gavin Relly Post graduate village (PGV). The two residences offer excellent accommodation to post graduate students and senior undergraduate students who wish to enjoy university residence system that support extended hours of study and research, but complimented by social events that are tailored to their needs. The rooms at PGV and Oakdene are in such high demands because of these qualities. Although the two residences are far apart, Oakdene being at the main campus and PGV up the hill, residents of both have been able interact and forge a community of post grads. Especially during the tenure of the current wardens, Prof Juma (PGV) and Mr Ofei (Oakdene) joint functions including welcoming dinner (meet and greet), graduation event, and other events, have brought the residents of Oakdene and PGV together. Hopefully such joint functions will continue even as we hope to expand the Hall to include other post graduate residences at Rhodes.

This report details the activities of the Hall from January to November 2019 using the Division's Strategic goals as guidelines.

<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	<b>REPORT</b>
<b>GOAL 1: Goal 1</b> Strengthen ability to provide quality counselling and academic advising to students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><u>General Wellness and Services available to students.</u></b></li><li>• In Oakdene, wellness leader and SRC members reported on event and interventions at Rhodes University that seeks to assist students with the academic project.</li><li>• <b><u>One- on One- After June Exams</u></b></li><li>• The Wardens in Oakdene held a meeting with two (2) students who had unsatisfactory June results. He directed them to the relevant offices for Academic support.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Postgraduate Orientation 2019</u></b> Feb, March, May</li> <li>• <b><u>Academic Journal Writing Course were held as follows:</u></b> Session 1 (2 full days): 1 and 2 August Session 2 (1 full day): 11 September Session 3 (1 full day): 9 October.</li> </ul>
<b>GOAL 2:</b> Promote a sexually responsible citizenry and safe community within Rhodes University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hall Warden spoke on two occasions on this issue during House Meetings.</li> <li>• Student facilitated discussions around wellness as well sexual harassment were held in PGV.</li> <li>• Former SRC Activism and Transformation Councillor of the SRC, Mx. Phumelele Nkomozakhe facilitated a talk about Sexual Assault and Discrimination At Rhodes University (Oakdene)</li> <li>• <b><u>Sexual Offences Policy</u></b> The Anti- harassment Manager distributed the sexual offences policy to the members of the Hall. We hope to secure the Manager's services for a Sexual offence presentation next year.</li> </ul>
<b>GOAL 3:</b> Provide enriched experiences for all students at Rhodes University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Sports Participation</u></b> Oakdene House participated in several inter –res events. PGV students did not participate in many of the sports despite encouragement.</li> <li>• <b><u>Exam Treats</u></b> Oakdene Warden held weekly exam and coffee dates with the student during Swot week and the examination period for both June and November examination period. This helped the student's distress during the very stressful period.</li> </ul>

**2019 EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

DATE	TIME	EVENT
20 Feb 2019	18:30	First Term House Meeting @Barratt 3 (Oakdene)
24 Feb 2019	19h30	PGV Common Room
20 March 2019	18:00	Welcome Function @PGV (Oakdene & PGV)
6 March 2019	20h00	Academic Talk (PGV)
13 April 2019	18:30	Graduation Function @Oakdene
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	18:30	Second Term House Meeting @Barratt 3 (Oakdene)
28 April 2019	19h30	House Meeting PGV
Wednesday 24 July	18:30	Third Term House Meeting @Barratt 3
4 August 2019	19h30	House Meeting PGV
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	15:00	Res Photo @ Oakdene House
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	12:00	Academic Open Day @ PGV
18 Sept 2019	18:30	4th Term House Meeting @Barratt 3
29 Sept 2019	19h30	House meeting PGV

	Tuesday 24 September	14:00	Heritage Day @Oakdene House
	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	18:30	End of Year Dinner @ PGV
	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	10:30	Brunch @Drostdy DH
HIGHLIGHTS	<p><u>PGV</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Several students completed their honours, HDAC, and PGCE studies.</li> <li>• A number of Masters and PhD candidates are also completing their studies in the new year.</li> </ul> <p><u>Oakdene</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Academic Excellence/Entrepreneurial Excellence</u> Gauta Matlou, Lindokuhle Nene and Reitumetse Nkhahle, all Oakdene and Nobuhle Ndebele presented on a practical and profitable solution of collecting and re-using electronic waste for a sustainable life and environment of unemployed youth. They won the continental Hultz prize and competed internationally.</li> <li>• <u>Student Governance</u> Mr Samkelo Mngadi served as SRC President with distinction and followed in the footsteps of previous SRC Presidents who resided at Oakdene House. Ms Xiletelo Mabaso was elected as SRC Media Councillor for 2020.</li> <li>• <u>Rhodes Top 100</u> 6 out of the Investec Rhodes Top 100 recipients came from Oakdene House.</li> </ul>		

## **CHALLENGES**

<b>Challenges</b>	<b>Intervention</b>
<u>Maintenance</u> Maintenance of the residence has gotten worse.	We continue to report incidences to Infrastructure and Development.
<u>Hall Administrator</u> This is matter that has been around since the Hall was constituted. In the past we have had a student sub-warden appointed to assist with administration. This was not possible last year and the year before. This will need to be addressed since PG students needs must be taken into account.	The Hall will again put forth a motivation for Hall Administrator position in 2020.
<u>Hall Leadership Training</u> Lack of Training for Post Graduate House Committee. House committee in a post graduate residence is only elected beginning of the year as compared to under-grad residence where leadership are elected at the end of the previous year.	Budget has now been set aside for one day training in 2020. The training will be facilitated by Eric Ofei.
<u>Printer</u> Oakdene House still does not have a printer.	We were promised that a room will be built next to the laundry to house the printer and provision will be made for a guest bathroom to accommodate house keepers who at Oakdene but we are still waiting.

## **DISCIPLINE**

There is no serious challenge of discipline in the Hall. There were no reported cases in Oakdene. There were minor issues of visitation problems in PGV. In all, we had only 7 cases that were reported and all the students involved who were found guilty or admitted the offence were given 15 hours of compulsory service as illustrated in the table above.

## **2020 OAKDENE RES EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	18:30	First Term House Meeting @Barratt 3
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	18:00	Welcome Function @PGV
Saturday 04 <sup>th</sup> April	18:30	Graduation Function @Oakdene
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	15:30	Easter Sunday Lunch @Oakdene
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	18:30	Second Term House Meeting @Barratt 3
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	10:30	Brunch @Drostdy DH
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	18:30	Third Term House Meeting @Barratt 3
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	15:00	Res Photo @ Oakdene House
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	12:00	Academic Open Day @ PGV
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	18:30	4th Term House Meeting @Barratt 3
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	15:00	Heritage Day @Oakdene
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## **CONCLUSION**

This year has been a busy and another successful year for Post Graduate Hall in general. Student's performance and team cohesion has improved tremendously over

the years. In the coming years, we hope to expand our Hall so that all post graduate students can fall under one Hall. This means that Celeste might add to our number. We had begun discussions in this regard which we hope to conclude in the coming year. In addition, we are waiting for the name change committee to complete its review so that discussions about the change of name for Oakdene might be finalised. The Hall will continue pushing for the appointment of a Hall Administrator. Managing hall affairs with this assistance has been very challenging