



The Rotary Club of Hout Bay Bursary Scheme Newsletter – January 2018



As the Rotary Club of Hout Bay Bursary Scheme has now grown to 20 students and 4 alumni, it was realised that we need a newsletter to keep our sponsors, friends, mentors and probably the students up-to-date with what is happening. As you will read, 2017 was a very successful year and the Rotary Vocational Services team of Keith Bull, Pat Whelan, Hans Kuhn, Alan Richards and Alison Bull would like to thank all our generous sponsors, the dedicated mentors and the students themselves for working so hard.

The Rotary Club of Hout Bay Bursary Scheme News

The objective of the Bursary Scheme is to give South African students living or studying in Hout Bay and in financial need, the opportunity to study at college or university. We look for candidates that not only have academic excellence but also the determination to succeed and, in the spirit of Rotary, want to give back to their communities. In addition to financial aid, each student is provided with an individual mentor to guide them through the transition to college, through college and then the transition to work.

The scheme is funded by generous individuals and Rotary Clubs from South Africa, Australia, Britain, Holland, Switzerland and Germany. All donations are used to fund the individual students and the Vocational Services team all work on a voluntary basis.

As the Bursary scheme has grown over the past 5 years, it was recognised that it needed to be more professional, sustainable and consistent and the following actions taken:

- Pat Whelan and Alan Richards have joined Keith, Hans and Alison to strengthen the Vocational Services team which administers and runs the scheme.
- All processes and guidelines have been documented to ensure high and consistent standards throughout the scheme.
- To enable all donations to be put towards the student bursaries, with no management overhead charge ie to run on a voluntary basis, and also maintain high standards, it was decided that the number of current students needed to be limited to a maximum of 20.
- A programme of student developmental workshops has been created to give our students 'a competitive edge'. These include Study Skills, Money Management, CV writing, Interview techniques and Presentation skills.
- Individual financial statements are produced for each sponsor and the finances are overseen by the Treasurer of the Rotary Club of Hout Bay.

Graduations

There were 4 graduations at the end of 2017:



Yentil Aploon is our first student to graduate with a Bachelors degree in Retail Business Management. Yentil is now working at Knightsbridge, an online property company doing systems support. Many congratulations!

Yamkela Nomnganga graduated with a National Diploma in Analytical Chemistry. This is an amazing achievement as 57 students started the course and only 2 students graduated this year. Yamkela is continuing her studies for another year to complete a Bachelors degree in Chemistry.



Azola Nyuka graduated with a National Diploma in Public Management. Azola is also continuing her studies for another year to complete a Bachelors degree in Public Management.

Lungile Nahuza graduated with a National Diploma in Retail Business Management and is continuing his studies for another year to complete a Bachelors degree in Retail Business Management. Lungile also successfully completed the University of Cape Town UCT Supply Chain Management on-line short course during 2017.

Cleo Adonis has completed and will graduate with a National Certificate in Financial Management in March. Following her internship, Cleo was offered a permanent job working as the Debtors and Creditors Clerk at Jackhammers, a building supplies company in Hout Bay. Congratulations!

Current Students Results.

It has been another challenging year for the students with continued disruptions at the universities. This includes students being teargassed during exams as protesters entered the exam rooms, classes cancelled and lecturers absent due to protester threats. We congratulate our student's resilience and amazing results.

The following students have passed their 2017 year end exams and will progress into the next year:

Phumelela Tomtala studying B. Com in Supply Chain management at Mancosa

Andrea Mitchell studying ND in Human Resource Management at CPUT

Siphe Xhosa studying ND in Agriculture (Animal Production) at CPUT

Pozisa Nqenqa studying ND in Marine Science at CPUT

Amy Braaf studying B Ed in General Education at Varsity College

Piwai Mapani studying Bachelors in Business Administration at UNISA

Kimberly Mapani studying BSc in Life Sciences and Biomedical Sciences at UNISA

Nkosinathi Maqaqa studying ND in Optical Dispensing at CPUT

Charles Ndabani studying National Certificate in Electrical Engineering at False Bay College

Students studying at UWC are still awaiting results (due the end of Jan):

Primrose Zulu studying B Com Financial Accounting

Sisipho Kwatshube studying Bachelor of Law

Cynthia Mdluli studying B Com Financial Accounting has failed one of her modules in her final year and will retake next year.

Students leaving the Rotary Bursary Scheme

Sadly, Aphenhule Sixishe and Raymind Samuels had personal problems during the year. Despite their mentors working hard to try to help and support them, they both decided to leave college and the Bursary Scheme. We are obviously very sorry and wish them well for the future.

New 2018 Bursary Students

We are hoping to award 5 new bursaries this year. Over 20 applications were received and 12 candidates interviewed during the first week in December after the Matric exams. 5 provisional offers were made based on the students passing Matric with marks sufficient to be accepted on their chosen courses.

Three of the students, Angalica Wilschut and Zisekho Popo, both studying ND Business Management at CPUT and Margaret Leggett studying Tourism at False Bay College have confirmed bursaries. The 2 other students are awaiting confirmation from their respective colleges.

Mentor News – our unsung heros!

Viv Kotze and Tracy Morris have decided to take a sabbatical from mentoring due to other commitments. We thank them both for all their hard work and hopefully look forward to welcoming them back next year. We also say good bye and thank you to Brenda Williams and Heidi Herzlia.

We welcome Gill Siebert and Alan Richards who will be mentoring some of our new students this year.

Rotaract News



All our Bursary students are encouraged to join Rotaract, the Rotary club for 18 – 25 year olds and currently Amy Braaf is President. 2017 was a successful year with lots of projects and activities:

- The pivotal annual project is the Mentorship program where Rotaractors coach and advise learners that are in Matric and assist them to apply for suitable college courses/careers.



- Representatives from the club attended the Rotary District Rotaract Conference where Amy made a highly acclaimed key note speech
- A Feminine Hygiene workshop was arranged for the young girls from the townships