

** PLEASE NOTE **

Today is the last day for nominations to be sent, in order for a parent and a debenture holder to be elected onto the SLC Board of Trustees. We are calling upon our parent body and debenture holder body to please send in their nominations. Full details of the nominations process are available on the SLC website: Academics > Pupil Information > General Pupil Information > 2019 Board of Trustees Election Process



By Oratile Choeru

On the 25th of September, our group of incredible, knowledge hungry students embarked on the trip to India for the Round Square International Conference. The journey started on the streets of Delhi where we toured the beautiful city. We had the opportunity see the Red Fort, India Gate and the Parliamentary houses. We then travelled to Agra, the home of the Taj Mahal, which was built by the Mughal Emperor, Shah Jahan, in memory of his favourite wife. We finally started the pre-conference at the wonderful, Scinda School where we all made bonds that we hope to keep forever. The conference then began in Indore at the Emerald Heights International School, where we engaged in Barraza discussions about world issues. We enjoyed keynote speeches from inspirational people including Dr Shashi Tharoor, a member of the Indian parliament. Overall, it was an amazing experience that I would not hesitate to take part in again.



Matters of Principal

"You cannot train alone and expect to run a fast time. There is a formula: 100% of me is nothing compared to 1% of the whole team, and that's teamwork.

That's what I value"

- Eliud Kipchoge

Last week was a week of lasts and conversely a week of firsts for me. I travelled to Grahamstown to attend my daughter's final Sports Dinner, Valediction Service and Dinner and Speech Day. I sat with her as she reminisced about her time at school and shared so many memories – lasts that we will all cherish. I then travelled 1300 km back home to attend my first Stanford Lake Valediction. Every Headmaster must deliver his first valediction address but it was a rather surreal time for me. Here I was, 10 months into my time at Stanford trying to encapsulate the feelings, the fears and achievements of the class of 2019 and leaving them with some valuable advice, whilst wearing my parent hat at the same time and dealing with the same emotions of the Stanford matric parents.

The wonderful words of encouragement shared with the school by our guest speaker Mr Sibusiso Vilane were most apt. To have a world renowned adventurer speak about the values and character traits that enabled him to be the first African to summit the highest peak in the world and to reach both poles was a privilege. What struck me was how closely these values and character traits were aligned with all that we try to teach at Stanford. It was almost as though the speech had been written with our mission, vision and values statement in mind. I was incredibly proud of our matrics on Friday. Sitting on stage, watching and listening as their achievements were read out, I could not help but marvel at the talent we have in our school. The dignity with which they conducted themselves at the matric dinner was a credit to them as a group. The

deep love, respect and friendship that exists between them is a testimony to what happens on these school grounds over the period of five years. The matric class of 2019 has most certainly left their mark. Their time here is almost done but the most important month of their school career still lies ahead of them. I wish our matrics everything of the best as they complete their examination preparation. I pray God's blessing on them as they write and know that they will do our school proud. More importantly, I know they will do themselves proud.

On Monday at assembly, I spoke to the school about the amazing feat of Eliud Kipchoge, the man who ran the first ever sub 2 hr marathon. It was the culmination of months of planning, executed through precision teamwork and was an unbelievable display of pure grit and determination. His support running team consisted of 41 world class athletes! There are many ways of breaking this achievement down but the one that I find the most remarkable is that he ran 17 second 100 metre splits consecutively for 2 hours! Eliud is famous for the #NoHumanIsLimited. He is now mentioned in the same sentence as Sir Roger Bannister, Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay and Neil Armstrong (Strangely enough when I asked the school who these four men were, very few knew, but that is a topic for another Snapshot). My message to the pupils is that "No Stanfordian is Limited".

Have a blessed weekend.

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SNAPSHOT

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A *colourful* LAST DAY



The Class of 2019 students enjoyed their official last day of school on Friday, 11th October. The day was a rollercoaster of emotions as they enjoyed the last day traditions. Their first treat was a visit from the Unicorn Grade 1 learners, who sang to them and gifted them with handwritten letters of well wishes for their final exams. Tears were then shed during the rose giving ceremony before the whole school migrated down to the Barnyard for the Valediction and Prize Giving Ceremony. The school heard powerful words of encouragement from guest speaker, Sibusiso Vilane as well as great speeches from Mr Redfern and the Head Boy and Head Girl. Many students received trophies for their contributions to the school (full list below) and the formalities were followed by the ceremonious throwing of coloured paint and of course, jumping in the lake! That evening, the matrics, parents and staff enjoyed the matric dinner - an evening of nostalgia as memories were shared of the last five years.

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| Malaika Mohlaba..... | Blight Trophy for English Public Speaking |
| ORVIS..... | Gardner Trophy for Inter-House Public Speaking |
| Akila Ramdharie..... | Zach Schuurs Trophy: Music |
| Husnaa Dada..... | Zach Schuurs Trophy: Drama |
| Thomas Mayes..... | Vanner Trophy - Awarded to a Matric Pupil who, on the sports field, has shown the qualities of commitment, determination and sportsmanship |
| Junior Netshituni..... | Stephan le Roux Trophy: Best Senior Boys' Hockey Player |
| Jarred Schoeman..... | Stirling Trophy: Best Senior Rugby Player |
| Casper Venter..... | Bain Trophy: Senior Squash |
| David Pullinger..... | Ken Shuter Trophy: English Home Language Prize |
| Poshie Nchabeleng..... | CJ Cassim Trophy: Advanced Programme English Prize |
| Anneri Thom and Melike Naude..... | Fenske Trophy: Afrikaans First Additional Language Prize |
| Lara Dando..... | Kromberg Trophy: Proficiency in English and Afrikaans |
| Sinead Linder..... | D'arcy Herrman Trophy: Accounting Prize |
| Rirhandzu Vermeulen..... | "La Trofia Madera del Arte": Visual Arts Prize |
| Rirhandzu Vermeulen..... | Thompson Trophy: Outstanding Artist |
| Helene Werhahn and David Pullinger..... | Morris Trophy: Life Science Prize |
| David Pullinger..... | CAT08KAT Trophy: Computer Application Technology Prize |
| David Pullinger..... | Information Technology Trop |
| Amirah Hassim and David Pullinger..... | Life Orientation Prize |
| Luka Spies..... | Kenney Brokers Trophy: Business Studies Prize |
| Anneri Thom and Sinead Linder..... | Jack Trophy: Geography Prize |
| Luka Spies..... | Waller Trophy: History Prize |
| Thomas Mayes..... | Mathematical Literacy Prize |
| David Pullinger..... | Calculus Trophy: Mathematics Prize |
| David Pullinger..... | Cassim Trophy: Advanced Programme Mathematics Prize |
| David Pullinger..... | Einstein Trophy: Physical Science Prize |
| Casper Venter..... | Marco Visser Trophy: Exceptional Academic Improvement in Grade 12 |
| Helene Werhahn..... | Da Silva Trophy: Consistent Academic Excellence throughout High School |
| David Pullinger..... | Coach House Trophy: Best Results in 2019 Preliminary Examinations |
| Megan Joynt..... | Ubuntu Trophy - For exceptional service to the Community |
| Danica Altenroxel..... | Baleta Trophy (Voted for by the whole school) - Awarded to a pupil, from any grade, who is future-smart, who knows where they are going and how to get there |
| Emma Melville..... | Goldenhuis Trophy - Awarded to a MATRIC PUPIL who has achieved excellence in all spheres of school life - academic, sport & cultural activities |
| Casper Venter..... | Jarrod Zamparini Trophy - Awarded to a MATRIC PUPIL who has most used the opportunities offered to them and in so doing has exemplified the values of the College |
| Casper Venter..... | Georgina Smit Trophy (Voted for by the Matrics) - Awarded to a MATRIC PUPIL, who by being pro-active & having the courage to stand up for what is right, made a positive contribution to the school |
| Casper Venter..... | Amm Trophy (Voted for by the whole school) - Awarded to a MATRIC PUPIL who has best shown the qualities of care, compassion, honesty, integrity & understanding |



SOCCER NEWS

Eleven staff members braved a 60-minute soccer game, made up of four 15-minute chukkas, against the 1st Team on Wednesday afternoon. The staff managed to find the back of the net on three occasions... It's just a shame that one of them was into their own goal. Mr Fullard certainly won't be living that one down anytime soon. The 1st Team ending up winning the match 3 - 2.

NEWS FROM THE POOL SIDE



Stanford Lake College was invited to attend the Top 10 Schools Gala in Polokwane on the 18 October 2019. The swimmers worked hard on their fitness and strokes before the event, practicing every day since the Inter-high gala in Tzaneen last month.

Their hard work paid off when the SLC team received excellent results at the Top 10 Gala. Clara Werhahn received her first medal in the U/15 Girls 100m breaststroke. She finished 3rd with a time of 1:39.8, her own personal best. Wernich Schmidt left only bubbles in his opponent's eyes when he took the Gold medal in the 100m Backstroke boys U/15. Finishing with an excellent time of 1:15.24. Wernich also received two silver medals and one bronze medal, which means that he received a medal in all his individual events. Anika Schmidt also achieved some great results, walking away with three silver medals for 100m and 50m Backstroke, and 100m Freestyle.

After all the excitement with the outstanding individual results, the SLC U/15 Boys managed to fight for a gold medal in the 200m Freestyle relay. The boys, Wernich Schmidt, Devon Coad, Michael Scriven and Llewelyn Rogers (pictured), pushed themselves hard in the race and stood proud in 1st position on the podium.

Stanford did extremely well overall, with the boys being placed 5th, the girls 6th and the school as a whole in 6th position, beating Pietersburg High School and Merensky Hoërskool. Well done to these swimmers for finishing our swimming season on such an excellent standard.

GAME ON!



Owen Venter and Muaz Bhyat attended the 2019 Fakugesi African Digital Innovation Festival recently and took part in a competition for programming games called Game Jam. They managed to receive an award for their creation! Here is their story...

Owen Venter wrote, "We were given 36 hours to build a complete game from scratch. After 35 hours of programming, designing music and creating art with very little sleep, we had finished our game. Our game is called Force Fighter and you play as a newly employed person who has to fight off hordes of job seekers to try and keep your job, but in the end no matter how good you are it is inevitable that someone will beat you and take your job. Your goal is to try and keep this from happening for as long as possible. We have just heard that our game has won the 'Best Narrative' award."

Muaz Bhyat wrote: "We arrived Saturday morning in Johannesburg. Still tired from the trip we got straight to learning game development, but we weren't learning what you would expect. The two days of courses, included Animation, Music, Storytelling and also making a game for a moving arcade that uses a raspberry pi. After the two days packed full of courses we began the Game Jam on Monday morning. 36 Hours and many coffees later we were rushing to put the final touches on our game. By the end we were exhausted but proud of our creation.



Congratulations to Herman Fourie and Gunther Katzke who won the Berg and Bush Two-Day mountain bike race in Bergville, KwaZulu-Natal, last weekend.

PHOTO ORDERING NOTICE

Proofs from the second round of photo day, held in September, are on display in the corridor outside Mr Jack's office. The order forms are also available there and information on how to order. Each student must take a form, tick off which photos they would like to order and include their name and class on the order form. The preferred payment method for all orders is via EFT to Prestige Photographic Group (payment details are on the order form). Proof of payment MUST be returned with the order. Alternatively, cash payments can be made. Change will not be given. No payments to be made to SLC. Photo costs CANNOT be debited from school account.

Please return your order paper with the cash / proof of payment in an envelope with your name on to Mrs Willson or Mrs Coetzee ASAP. The deadline for ordering is Friday, 8th November 2019. Please do not email orders or payments to Prestige. Queries: marketing@slc.co.za