



# The Old Stanfordian

The Official Newsletter of the Old Stanfordian Association



## EVENTS

**12 & 13 MARCH 2021**  
Open Weekend  
at SLC

**14 MARCH 2021**  
WIK Triathlon  
at SLC

**19 - 20 MARCH 2021**  
Beaulieu Derby  
at Beaulieu

**7 - 8 MAY 2021**  
St Dunstan's Derby  
at SLC



By Lori Hyde  
(Alumni Committee Member)

I have courage – I stretch myself beyond the ordinary. What a privilege to attend a school that offers so many adventures to embark on. High school was but one grand adventure. Crisp early morning runs in the forest, refreshing swims in the lake and early morning risings on the top field were amongst everyone's favourite activities.

Stanford provides opportunities to escape the mundane. Trek being on the top of everyone's list. Could anyone ever forget waking up before sunrise to summit Serala? Pitching tents in the rain? Working together to chop down invasive plant species? Walking around the campsite to taste what your friends have made for dinner? Or trusting a friend to belay you down a rock face?

The challenges and growth that we face together on Trek leave us with so many stories to tell. An accomplishment that could not compare to any other. And in between all of these crazy adventures, we made amazing friends

I wonder where everyone is? What everyone is doing? I wonder how many friends fulfilled their dreams or are married and have started a family? What is going on in everyone's lives? These are the questions that are continuously going through my mind about my high school classmates.

Fortunate enough, we live in a time and age where technology allows us to stay connected and reach out to one another. Keep SLC updated on your movements and whereabouts. Get involved by following the Stanford Alumni facebook and Instagram pages.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stanford Lake College



## PUPIL LEADERSHIP 2021



**JOSH FAIRHEAD**  
*Deputy Head Boy*



**MADA BULIANI**  
*Head Boy*



**HLONI MANGENA**  
*Head Girl*



**CALLAN SCHULTZ**  
*Deputy Head Girl*



**HEINRICH MARITZ**  
*Head of Founders N*



**WARWICK MELVILLE**  
*Head of Founders S*



**NKHENSANI KHOSA**  
*Head of Lakeside*



**OLI MULUNGWA**  
*Head of Ken Shuter*



**NALEDI LEBATI**  
*Head of Serala*



**ANJA MAREE**  
*Head of Day Scholars*

## SONU PATEL



Congratulation to alumnus, Sonu Patel (Class of 2018), who recently received an invitation to join the Golden Key International Honour Society which was based on his outstanding results earned in his first year of studying a Bachelor of Business majoring in Professional Accounting at the Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane, Australia.

The international society recognizes students in the top 15% from all disciplines, who have completed at least one year of study. Furthermore, the Golden Key is in partnership with more than 400 universities and colleges around the world, across eight countries.

Sonu is currently a second-year student still pursuing his studies in Professional Accounting. Well done Sonu, this is an incredible achievement and we wish you all the best with completing your studies!



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## SA HARVEST



We recently caught up with alumnus, Ali Conn (Class of 2007). Pictured back row, second from the left), who has been approached by Gidon Novick, founder of Kulula.com, Discovery Vitality and ex-CEO of Comair, to run the Western Cape's faction of his new national non-profit, SA Harvest.

Ali started his career by studying psychology at Rhodes University, and then went on to find his way into TV production. Since then he has had the opportunity to work on well-known television productions such as the X Factor UK, Britain's Got Talent and Top Gear. He has also toured with big stars such as The Rolling Stones, Ellie Goulding, Ed Sheeran, Rudimental, Stephen Fry and Of Monsters & Men. After that he spent three years with Qatar's leading production

house, producing documentaries for National Geographic and Animal Planet. He then returned to Cape Town and has managed all local productions for Red Bull, Puma, Big Concerts & Afropunk, and produced videos for Antonio Banderas, Cristiano Ronaldo and Travis Pastrana in the last two years before he was approached by Gidon.

SA Harvest is a non-profit organisation that is working with the local government and food organisations to completely rethink the country's national food system. The project aims to create equal access to nutrition and eliminate waste in the food chain. SA Harvest is taking the lead in the national coordination of what type of food is donated as well as what food is actually being rescued from being needlessly thrown out. Since the start of lockdown, SA Harvest has rescued enough food to hand out relief of 2,4 million meals to the most vulnerable. However, their aim is much larger than that - as such SA Harvest has expanded operations over the past five months and currently has bases in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban - with microsites operational in Port Elizabeth, Nelspruit and Bloemfontein. They have dedicated warehouse space, refrigeration and their own fleet of refrigerated trucks to deliver and collect food where needed. SA Harvest's efforts are able to sustainably grow with trustworthy, effective and devoted national partners. Their team is led by a strong board of reputable members:

- Chairman - Gidon Novick (founder of Kulula.com, Discovery Vitality & ex-CEO of Comair)
- CEO - Alan Browde (businessman & son of Julian Browde)
- Director - Ronni Kahn (intl. businesswoman & founder of Oz Harvest)
- Board Member - Miles Kubheka (founder of Vuyo's Restaurants)
- Gauteng Director - Ozzy Nel (manager of Jamie Oliver's restaurants in SA)
- Western Cape Director - Ali Conn (Producer)



### **How can you help?**

SA Harvest is looking for links and connections to farmers as well as food retail and wholesale chains that might have food going to waste that they can rescue to help feed the vulnerable. They are also actively searching for interested volunteers willing to assist and offer their skills. The organisation is planning to expand and produce frozen meals and are also on the lookout for more kitchen space in Cape Town or Johannesburg to start this. SA Harvest is a fully registered NPO and provides tax exemption through section 18A certification.

Here is a link to the SA Harvest website to get a clear idea of their vision: <https://saharvest.org/>

They have also created a video that showcases what they actually do: <https://bit.ly/3hP3WjT>



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## WARRIORS ADVENTURE TOUR



The Warriors Academy is hosting an action packed 6-day Adventure Tour around South Africa this December. It is an experience of a lifetime where you will be immersed among the great outdoors and experience South Africa like never before.

The Warriors Academy was established in 2004 by Rudi and Rene Viljoen, and is nestled in the middle of the Magoebaskloof mountains in Limpopo, South Africa. Their children Ruan (Class of 2005) and Rowena (Class of 2002), old Stanfordians, bought into the family business in 2007 after their studies at Stellenbosch University and have been running the programmes successfully as a family ever since.

Warriors have been running internationally accredited gap year, school, adventure tourism training and corporate programmes over the last seventeen years.

Personal growth and development are at the heart of all that they do. Their programmes are structured and based on experiential learning principles. Each of the programmes they offer involves adventure activities, personal coaching and self-mastery workshops aimed at building emotional fitness and strengthening both the body and mind. Some of these activities include hiking, kloofing, water rafting, bungee jumping, and so much more.

If you are a parent of one of their Warriors, a past Warrior, or someone over the age of 21 looking for a Warriors adventure, the first ever Adult Warrior Adventure Tour is for you! You can get in contact with them should you be interested for more information via their website: <http://www.warriors.co.za>

## SHOP XAP

Shop Xap, founded by alumnus, Rebecca Tooley (Class of 2006), Louis Thompson (Class of 2008) and Gavin Pirie (Class of 2013), as well as two other partners, is an online multi-vendor marketplace. Shop Xap started as a result of the negative impact the Covid-19 pandemic has had on small South African businesses. The group realised that many small scale farmers and artisans, particularly in Limpopo, did not have an adequate online presence in which to market and distribute their goods. Shop Xap's mission is to overcome this obstacle by providing these businesses with a platform in which to market their goods in order to collectively reach a greater target market. Product categories that the platform wishes to sell are food and fresh produce, clothing, jewelry and home decor.

If you have started your own small business and wish to broaden your market, get in touch with the Shop Xap team!

Contact details: [admin@shopxap.co.za](mailto:admin@shopxap.co.za)



# ALUMNI ACHIEVERS



## KIERAN BREMNER



We would like to congratulate alumnus, Kieran Bremner (Class of 2016), who was recently offered a bursary from Westfalia to pay for the remainder of his current studies in BScAgric Applied Plant and Soil Sciences at the University of Pretoria. He plans to complete his studies end of 2021, hoping

to become an avocado farmer and do further research in avocado development in the near future. This is a great achievement and we wish you all the best, Kieran!

## THOMAS MAYES



Thomas Mayes (Class of 2019) donated his signed SA Colts shirt to the school. It will be framed and mounted in the HPC. Thomas is pictured above with Mr Pretorius and Mr Friedrichs.

## KGANYA SEBATJANE

Congratulations to alumnus, Kganya Sebatjane (Class of 2015), who has got as far as a Top 15 Semifinalist for Mr. South Africa 2020.

"It's been quite a long journey and one of the most important things I can say that I'm grateful for most is the growth along the journey. Over the course of the competition I've seen myself in different spaces with different people, in spaces I'd usually not be comfortable in, and I learned a great deal about myself, about people and life most importantly.



"Honestly it's been a great experience and I'm amazed at how far and how well I've done. There have been ups and downs where I doubted my capabilities but I managed to persevere. My relentless spirit would not allow me to give up.

"What I realized is that I really am an asset, I am destined for greatness. This is a result of where I was raised, the people that were around me all played a part no matter how great or small and I'm truly grateful for that. It was these very same people and the spaces I grew up in that made me realize my true potential. And for me that's why I do everything that I do with the dedication and passion that I have because I know my passion will make someone else realize their true potential. My fire will ignite the passion for excellence in the souls of others. I want to be an example for the youth, no matter who you are. You are great and you're capable of anything you set your mind to."

He would also like to thank the Stanford family for supporting him on this journey. Kganya said, "Stanford has been one of the main contributing factors for helping me realize my talents and my true potential." Thank you Kganya, we wish you a prosperous future ahead and may you inspire many more people to show their true courage of what they are capable of.



# ADVENTURE



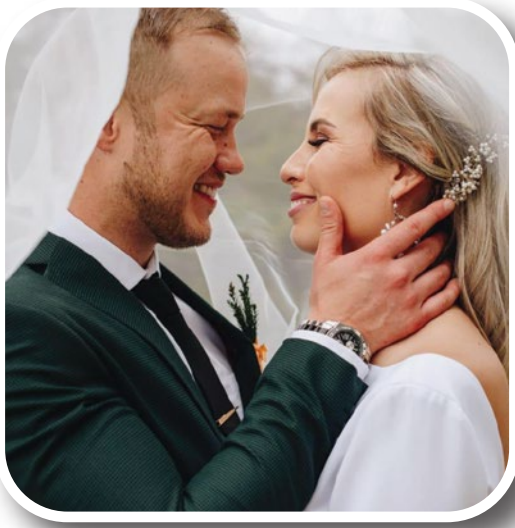
## THE OLIFANTS BACKPACKING TRAIL

A group of Old Stanfordians, including Ryan Hyde (Class of 2008), Danielle Hyde (née Souchon, Class of 2008), Leon Joubert (Class of 2008), Lindy Joubert (Class of 2013), Cassandra McGaffin (Class of 2013) and Lori Hyde (Class of 2012), recently embarked on the adventurous Olifants Backpacking Trail. They loved every second of this experience on the Trail which stretched over 4 days and 3 nights in the Kruger National Park. A total distance of 36km, along the banks of the Olifants River was covered, often being rerouted due to hippos spotted on the main route. They had to endure carrying their own tents, equipment, food and dig for water. The top highlights of the trip was walking into a leopard kill and they were beyond fortunate to have experienced a view of four female lion drinking at the river while the sun was rising one morning.

“There is much beauty that the terrain has to offer, something that simply can’t be experienced in a vehicle. We got to appreciate the smaller things such as the bird life, trees, the fresh smell of the bush after the rains, tracks and signs, animal behaviour, falling asleep to lions roaring and the most incredible sunrise and sunsets. Every drop of sweat was well worth the effort and Stanford Lake College certainly equipped us for such a wild adventure!” said Lori.



# SPECIAL EVENTS



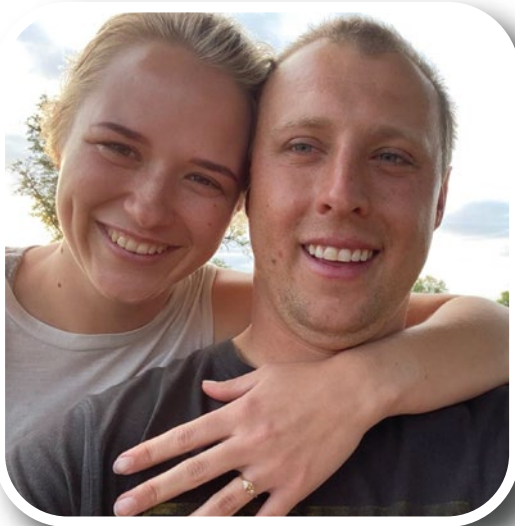
**Leon Tullis (Class of 2010)  
& Leonelle Tullis**

We would like to congratulate alumnus, Leon Tullis, who recently got married to his wife, Leonelle Tullis, at Kings Walden Garden Manor on Saturday, 22 August 2020. Best wishes on this wonderful journey, as you build your new lives together!



**Lori Hyde (Class of 2012)  
& Francois Cilliers**

Congratulations to alumni committee member and past student, Lori Hyde, who got engaged to her fiancé, Francois Cilliers, at Karongwe Game Reserve on Saturday, 8 August 2020. Wishing you both a wonderful future together with a life full of happiness!



**Cassandra Hawken (Class of 2015)  
& William de Jager**

Congratulations to alumnus, Cassandra Hawken, who recently got engaged to her fiancé, William de Jager, beneath her favourite tree, a Weeping Boer Bean. May this new and exciting journey bring you both endless joy and happiness!



**Rowena Viljoen (Class of 2002)  
& Francois van Schalkwyk**

Congratulations to Rowena Viljoen, recently got engaged to her fiancé, Francois Van Schalkwyk at Wild Rivers Private Nature Reserve, Hoedspruit. Wishing you both a very happy future together and enjoy the wedding planning ahead!

