

THE LOOPS



LIVE, LOVE, LEARN AND LEAVE A LEGACY.

EXCLUSIVE NEWS TODAY

Taking Pride In Our Residence

The place to be!

The seniors have met the first years, blissful and unforgettable events have taken place such as the RAG Procession, Big sis' Lil'Sis, Akasia informal, Stagedoor finals, lots of sports, just to name a few and of course the First years got some of their privileges already. Without a doubt this first term has been nothing but awesome. As we enter the second term afresh we look forward to practicing sisterhood and embracing the diversity within our residence. In the second term you are challenged to try new things, big things, step out of your comfort zone, play a sport you've never played before, engage in residence activities, go to Juice-Can meet other ladies that might have different personalities, or of a different race from you, learn their culture and teach them yours. Because we **Live, Love, Learn** and **Leave a Legacy**.



Established in 1974, Akasia is a home to 179 young ladies who are value driven, cultured and have a thirst for learning, passion through active participation and excellence in whatever they do.

Being part of the on-campus community means more than just residing within four walls. We form part of a community, Central College (Soetdoring, Wag 'n Bietjie, Karee and Kagiso), which are residences placed geographically close to Akasia. The College community provides opportunities for interactions with other students, faculty,

and staff; access to campus resources; students are also provided a connection to the campus community as well as the broader city of Bloemfontein.



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RC PRIME



"The first term is over and what a term it was! The RC decorated the foyer with a plant and a self-made portrait urging the ladies to grow to their full potential. New pots and flowers, painted frames on their boards and a dash of their own personality to advertise their events.

New corridor primes were elected. For Blondie -Miss Prudence, for Pote -Miss Onalerona, for Hagar -Miss Chantel and for Asterix -Miss Franché. Congratulations in order. The doors look brilliant and we can't wait to see what you do next. The Hessé dinee was a huge success this year. With the theme 'hats and heels' the ladies showed extra enthusiasm by dressing up. Doughnuts, cake and tea were available to enjoy and to kick off all the fun a game of poor man's charades were played. Each lady received a heart with a quote to show you just how special you are. Some of them can still be seen on the doors in the corridors." **Sune**

RC RAG

TESSA BOTES FAREWELL TO TESSA ☹️

Tessa has reached the end of her RC term and we congratulate her on her dedication and hard work for her portfolio. She and her subcom worked tirelessly right from the start. In 2015, they took part in a number of activities and projects for rag and succeeded in many, and the biggest event of all, which took place this year was the RAG Float building event. It was epic.

" Being RC RAG is really a tough Job, you work with lots

of people from different backgrounds, which of course is my passion. Currently I am studying my 3rd year in Social Work, so the experience I got from RAG and practical in my 3 years, only did me good. I was able to withstand the challenges that came with being RC RAG. I will definitely miss being RC RAG, the ups and the down. I really enjoyed my term, but can't wait to catch up on my sleep! Good Luck to the next RC RAG." **Tessa**

Words from the Prime & RC

We aim to create a shared space that promotes excellence through celebrated diversity, which allows each student to excel, while expressing her own unique identity. We are committed to empowering each student in her personal growth and development, providing students with the necessary support and opportunities for involvement. Our goal is to integrate living and learning, allowing our students to make the most of their experiences as Kovsies. We wish to congratulate you on your academic successes thus far, and all of the best for your future academic endeavours.



SOCIAL

The residence informal took place on the 19 February, with the un theme of Short,Tight and Bright. The event was a huge success, with the ladies taking out all the stops. It was great to see the amount of support from the house and has given the boost to host more events and put Akasia on the social map. remeber ladies, all work and no play makes for a dull day, so always keep in mind.. **WORK HARD, TO PARTY EVEN HARDER..** all my love. **Nicole** ☺️

DIVERSITY

My portfolio enables me to work closely with other RCs, to promote diversity and inclusion in our residence community. My Vision is to build a bridge in a community where pluralism is apparent, encourage people to do things differently and not be ashamed of who they are and at the same time valuing the fact that other people are different too. Diversity is the art of thinking independently together. *Juice-can which has grown tremendously is all about Sisterhood.***Omuhle**

ART & CULTURE

Welcome to the Ladies of Akasia. I would like to thank all the First Years that participated in the Stage-door, as well as the singing coaches, you ladies did an amazing job and I am truly grateful for your efforts. Thanks to all who contributed to the Buddy-Project and I encourage the rest of the house to take initiative as well. Looking forward to Klein-Ser, lets work hard and make unforgettable memories. Best of luck with the rest of the semester , remember hard work reaps good results. **Pulani**

FINANCE

If I think back to my first day in house Akasia the 1ste year welcoming . I was so overwhelmed , my very first thought while sitting there awaiting this new adventure I thought to myself one day I also would like to stand there and be one of those ladies wearing the blue dresses. Here I am two years later, realizing that one thought became a dream and a dream became a reality. So with that I want to say believe in your dreams. Chase them .Chase them until you are out of breath because the biggest adventure you can take is to live the life of your dreams . **Carlyn**



My First Year Experience



On the 15th January 2016, I became a lady of Akasia. I obviously was very nervous to begin my new adventure 542km's away from the nest. Yes, I cried like a baby when saying goodbye but little did I know that the most adventurous and eventful time of my life was just about to begin. The word RAG, was like a swear word to me at the beginning, but I have never experienced the amount of fun I had during those two weeks ever in my life before. As I have never been in a hostel before, adapting to this "way" of life was weird for me but knowing that it would ensure that I have 70 odd sisters, it made me happy. My first year experience to date has been nothing but great. There have been some ups and downs but all in all I have had the best time so far, at the end of this year ill no dubitably be telling people that "Only a kovsie knows the feeling". **Brittany Combrink**

"My experience so far at University has forced me to change, to see things differently than I did before, although it has been challenging both academically and socially, it has become my stepping stone to being more confident, responsible, accommodating and independent to have a successful future. It has also taught me to appreciate my family more now, that I don't live with them. Even though I am still o learning more about myself every day and figuring out what I really want, it has most importantly taught me to finally live and stop 'surviving'" **Kgotlhelelo Molelekoa**

"My experience as a first year at Kovsies has been amazing. The campus is a great learning environment. Akasia is my home, The RC's are so friendly and helpful. I like the diversity in our Res. The ladies at the res are so supportive. Juice can is my favorite activity at res" **Ruwayda Lottering**

"My experience as a first year has been so good. I have made a lot of new friends and really get along with the people on campus. I really enjoy staying in my residence (House Akasia) and found out that I actually had nothing to worry about before I moved to Bloemfontein. I love being a Kovsie and know this is my new home, Thank you." **Michelle Vioen**

"My first year has had its ups and downs. The fun part was making new friends and learning to adapt to new environment. However, the new environment also hit me negatively, as I felt that we were not treated equally. That applies only in residence. Otherwise, the welcoming was warm and lectures are fun thus far. Although the work related to my modules is a helluva lot, I'm coping well" **Mapaseka Lenko**

"Here is my experience in a nutshell, when I arrived at my residence house Akasia I was warmly welcomed and really felt home. There were ups and downs but I've learned to look on the positive side of life. When classes started I was bombarded with a lot of work which made me scared but I managed. I was also privileged to join a local church in Bloemfontein which also helped me to see things differently in life by praying continuously to God and by serving Him whole heartedly. I was raised in a Christian home and by going to church in Bloemfontein made my journey much easier so far." **Lee-Ann Swarts**

Mother First Year

I believe that House Akasia has the most beautiful first year group on campus and that they have the ability to make a positive impact and change in the house and the University.

If you don't stand for something you will fall for anything. **Peter Marshall**
Elri-Alet van Niekerk



On the 15th of January 2016 House Akasia received almost 70 brand new ladies, ready to make a positive impact and change, not just in our house but on the UFS Campus as well.

Upcoming events

HOUSE INDABA

Date: 2 April 2016

Venue: Akasia Gazelle

Time: 08:00

RC RAG circuses and elections will take place on the 4th of April from 8pm.

CORRIDOR SPORTS

Date: 2 April 2016

Time: 10:00

Venue: Mooimeisies

COLLEGE WEEK

Date: 4-7 April

➤ **Monday 4 April 2016**

Juice-can @Mooimeisies at 16:00

➤ **Tuesday 5 April 2016**

College Debate Night @House Akasia at 17:30 for 18:00

➤ **Wednesday 6 April 2016**

College Movie Night @mooimeisies at 19:00 for 19:30

Deadpool

➤ **Thursday 7 April 2016**

Mr & Mrs Central College @Karee at 17:30 for 18:00

RAG MASS

Date: 7 April 2016

Time: 20:00

ART FESTIVAL

Date: 8 April 2016

ART FIESTA

Date: 15 April 2016

(Akasia Tickets will be sold at R20, your support will be highly appreciated)

CLEANING LADIES CEREMONY

Date: 3 May 2016

Venue: Akasia Gazelle

CORRIDOR COOK-OFF

Date and time to be confirmed

Venue: Quad

JUICE-CAN

Every Tuesday and Thursday @18:00

in the Stoop

A FRESHERS BALL PARTY

hosted by House Akasia, House Kestel and House Khayalami is what is on the way, so keep an eye out for this killer event!!!

SPECIAL POINTS

- Remember to order your hoodie or sweater in room 210
- **JuiceCan every Tuesday and Thursday.**
- **On Wednesday we wear Pink.**
- **Cake sold in room 230 if not at the foyer.**
- **First Year or Senior Academic advice sign-up with Bianca room 203**

ACADEMICS

All Ladies interested in academic advice must please come see me in room 203 or send a whatsapp message. If you have any problems with the study rooms in Hagar and Pote please let me know. No eating or drinking in the Labs, you will get a fine if you do so. I will also like to inform you that

Silent hours	21:00–09:00	&	13:00-15:00
Male Visiting hours	Friday and Saturday: 19:00-23:45		Sunday: 14:00-1800



The Peer Mentors

We are here to help the First Years to Feel at home, to listen to them and help them with their fears and problems. We divided the First Years into groups and each mentor does something special with their group. So far we have had two sessions with our first years and it has all gone well. We are selling goods to get money so that we can be able to provide treats for them during the sessions. Looking forward to a new term. To all the sisters, all the best with your studies, from the loving P3 Mentors

The House Song

In the house we stand
Proud Akasian land
Standing tall through it all
A seed incorruptible

In ons huis waar ons groei
In vrugbare grond
Mooi Kowsie bloeisels bloei

Hara matsatsi ohle
Re tla ema
Re tseba boleng ba rona
Jwalo ka metswale baroetsana

Akasia mme wa rona
Re shebile ho wena
Re rute ho ba jwalo ka wena
Ka dinto tshohle
Le ka matsatsi ohle

“VILLASKASIA” – Villa Bravado and Akasia marry.

It was evident that these two residences were fond of each other after all the inters and socials they had together.

We saw a repetition of what happened in the year 2014, when ‘the gentlemen of Villa proposed to the lovely ladies of Akasia, the wedding a colossal event’ happen again.

But this year the wedding ceremony was slightly different. We avoided the old traditional ways, as it took place outdoors in the grass area in front of the main building.

Now the two residences are again still happily married.

To show they are romantic, Villa snuck in on valentines day and placed little hearts with special messages in it all around the foyer at Akasia. The ladies showed their appreciation when they returned the favor two days later by waiting for the boys to sleep so they can stick hearts with sweet messages to their respective husband’s doors.

“Did you know?
Akasia is the oldest female
residence on campus”

The Akasia Residence Community consists of 179 ladies who share a thirst for living, learning and achieving excellence.

We form part of the rich Kowsie culture, while simultaneously co-creating our own culture with the contribution of each of our students’ unique identities.

At Akasia you belong to a sisterhood aiming to ensure excellence in all facets of student life, allowing you to live out yourself and have a well-balanced student experience.

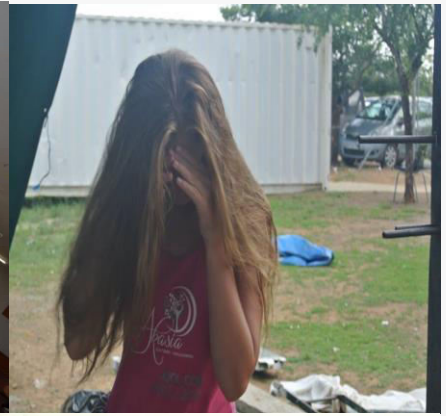
“To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream, not only plan but also believe” –Anatole France

We are extremely proud of all our Ladies graduating this year. This serves as motivation for others that, we are all equally capable of achieving global innovation.

Values of Akasia

- Sisterhood
- Diversity
- Equality
- Excellence though passion
- Active Participation

Photo Gallery





SPORTS



HOCKEY



The First year

The one thing I treasure the most is that this opportunity unveiled so much about myself. I actually got to know who I am deep down in my heart. In fact, if you are not in over your head;

how would you know how tall you are? One has to know and love people to be a great leader, as influence comes with relationship.

Tanita Nell

Throwback –Akasia soccer team 2014!



RC SPORTS



I would not trade this journey, that the vehicle of leadership steered me to, for anything. It is a tremendous privilege to guide people and most importantly first years into their divine destiny. A position and platform that one should never take for granted. First years are in a space in their lives where identity seems vacant and being an RC made me realise how powerful our words and actions are towards people through leadership. My words could stimulate the potential in someone else's being!.

MORE SPORTS

Running Club

No! It is NOT all about running and having to be top fit. It is about pushing a healthy life style and taking responsibility of your own body. I can testify that when I push myself physically, I tend to be more determined in my studies.

We all know a healthy body cultivates a healthy minds-set. So why doubt to join us on the health journey? E V E R B O D Y is welcome. Nobody is fit when they start, but you have to start to become fit!



The new times for the running club will be communicated as soon as possible.

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