



The Harmony Chronicles

“Where there is unity there is always victory”



Message from Residence Head

Dear Reader

It is an honour and privilege to welcome you to our residence. My name is Pulane Malefane and you may call me Ms Pulane. I am the Residence Head for the year 2017. I am the supervisor to the Residence Assistants (RA) who will support you through your first year experience and transition in the University environment.

You cannot understand how excited I am to welcome you to our special residence. A residence that is different from other residences on campus. Our residence caters for 164, only female first year students, you will get full support from competent and experienced Residence Assistants.

Your first priority at the University will be your academics, it might be challenging in your first term but I will make sure that the environment is conducive for you to study. You should also allow yourself to grow as a person, interact with other students, socialize, and be involved in the residence activities to balance your life. And mostly learn other languages and make lots of friends that you will keep after you leave the residence.

Looking forward to meeting you

Regards

Ms Pulane Malefane

House Harmony Vision 2016

Vision:

Our vision for Harmony 2016 is to foster leadership and empower our residence to become independent women, to go above expectations and inspire greatness in others.

being known and recognized within the university community as a residence of ladies who embrace respect and academics through supporting each other, intense mentorship and providing peer support.

Mission:

House Harmony is a value-driven residence founded on the following values: Sisterhood, Responsibility, Integrity, Respect and Academic Excellence. Our vision for Harmony 2016 is to foster leadership and empower our residence to become independent women, to go above expectations and inspire greatness in others. This will help us become unified in everything we do. Our aim is to create an atmosphere of reliability toward one another through events and initiatives. To be able to live by our motto "Where there is unity there is victory". The main goal would be for the house to continue being value-driven and not based on irrelevant traditions that hamper the growth of the house as a whole. To continue establishing a positive name for the residence and turning the Harmony name into a brand of excellence.

Living by our motto:

"Where there is unity there is victory"

Embracing and building on sisterhood, not only within our mentee group but a residence as a whole. One where no-one feels like they are out of place but part of a big family. To break any wall created by perception surrounding leadership, thus wanting the first years to be comfortable around us without any fear. To create a strong identity as a residence and have achievements that we can all be proud of.

RAG 2016

By Kiara Pretorius

The Receive and Give (Rag) community service that aims to assist communities through fundraising for numerous causes and community service initiatives to those communities in need.

The Kovsie Rag is known for its fun-filled parade where colorful and fun floats parade the streets of Bloemfontein yearly accompanied by singing first years from the various residences. The purpose of these festivities is to incite energy and creativity of the students to raise funds for the various community projects undertaken by Rag throughout the year.

Every year the Kovsie residences join together to compete to see who can raise the most money and build the best float for the Theme of the year. This year, the theme



was Superheroes vs Villains and every residence delivered 100% - the float ranged from Big Hero 6 to Frozen all the way to Buzz Lightyear. Student worked for weeks day and night, to get the float on the road on the day of the big procession and no one was disappointed. The walk was long, but smiles could be seen for kilometers. Another successful year of Kovsie Rag



The final highlight of the RAG experience is the procession, where the winning residences can flaunt their float at

the very front of the parade through the streets of Bloemfontein. During this procession, Harmony Belles and Bella's collect money in tin cans, sing cheerful songs and for many first years, get to experience the streets of Bloemfontein in a new and exciting way. A large concert with many exciting and wonderful local South African artists was waiting at the end of the long trek. The concert brings everyone together with music and entertainment and becomes a time for everyone to enjoy the fruits of their hard work before the academic year really kicks in. This year the concert brought to us the likes of Vusi Mahlasela, a popular South African artist, as well as Francois van Coke. The concert in marking the end of RAG float building also marks the beginning of the year in which several other fund raising activities will take place until the next float building!



What a Time to be Alive!

By Jordan Wilson

Having to organise a stagedoor group isn't as easy as they say it is. I definitely realised that this year. It takes time, commitment and a lot of patience but with the amazing support structure that I was blessed with everything just fell into place after a while. What a ride it was. Stagedoor 2016 is definitely a year that no one will easily forget. From being moved on a week due to protests to everyone making finals.

House Harmony and Akasia Stagedoor Group:



And
how

grateful was I getting the opportunity to have two stagedoor groups and work with such amazing and talented young ladies, I definitely wouldn't trade it for anything. We might not have placed in finals but the journey we had together was worth all the long practices and time put in to make the shows great.

House Harmony and Outeniqua Stagedoor Group



Now that stagedoor is over we can get to the more serious business KleinSêr 2016.



House Harmony KleinSêr 2016

coming to you soon. Watch this space.



Diversity and Environmental Affairs 2016

By: Lerusha Soobramaniyen



Robert Swan once said, "The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it",

this was our motivation behind our bottle collection initiative. Firstly, each corridor was given the task of making environmentally friendly posters which created awareness for the safety of the environment. Secondly, they also had to collect plastic bottles and decorate boxes which encouraged first years to recycle. Our portfolio members devised a points system out of 500 for each corridor; this was done to motivate the first years to participate. 25 points were allocated for the bottle initiative as follows: 10 points for the poster, 10 points for the decoration of boxes and 5 points for kitchen duty. Overall this initiative was a success and will be continuing for the rest of the year.

Our next exciting event is the International Affairs Expo which is happening on the 16th of April. Each corridor has to choose a past event or an event that is currently happening and an African country and present it at the expo. Some of the international students from the residence will also be sharing their stories. SRC members are invited as well as



the residence members from residences Harmony

head, RC other and old ladies.



Upcoming ventures: 18 – 22 April is GREEN WEEK! ☺ Our members have planned an exciting week filled with little reminders and activities to create awareness for the environment.

Five things a

**Harmony lady
should know...**

1. Embody the residence values
2. Know yourself
3. Carry yourself with pride
4. It's okay not to be perfect all the time
5. Sisterhood is key





Harmony Academics 2016

By: RA Thato Ramahuta

Academics has been a very busy portfolio to be involved with this year. Financial assistance as well as Bursaries forms a big part of the first few months. My team and I had to knock on various doors to ensure that the dreams of many are realized. It is impossible to study on an empty stomach. We realized that not everyone is fortunate enough to get monthly allowance from home. This gave birth to now Harmony cares foundation where we started a food bank to ensure that everyone in the house has groceries.



The biggest part of being RA academics is ensuring that the students are on the right path, are well informed about their career choices as well as future job prospects. The collaboration between me

and CTL in academic advising workshops (Busse) is one tool to ensure this.



It's very hard to remember that you are able to achieve anything when you have failed. The importance of staying

motivated and inspired towards reaping the fruits of hard labor are emphasized at the motivational evening as well as the Inspirational breakfast. At this event we acknowledge the academic excellence from their matric results to remind them of their abilities to excel.

UBUNTU is the core of Harmony. The adopt a school project has allowed the girls to volunteer their skills and talents towards those less fortunate. We have been able to recruit coaches as well as creative painters and tutors to help us with this project. We can only wait to see the finished product of team work and sacrifice.

The residence tutorial programme is very much alive in Harmony residence which bridges the gap found in the big classroom space to a more interactive level. This assists first years feel more confident about their test preparations and less scared for the exam. Remember it's all in the state of mind. If you believe you can your right, if you believe you cannot, you also correct.

Residence Sports 2016

By: Lize Lotter



Let's start with first year athletics; it was such a privilege having this group

of first years as they all were eager to participate! The evening was a very big success for Harmony as our girls did very well; unfortunately we did not win anything. Secondly it was the first years gala, a very fun event where girls swam certain styles that they weren't used to and placed! One very big event was the Gateway sports day where we played Basketball, Soccer and Volleyball! Everyone enjoyed it but was tired after the hectic two days. We were all red from the sun but we definitely bonded while chilling under the gazebo and waiting for the next game to start! Heads up Harmony... this is the start of something great!

As West College we also had a Boeresport day where everyone enjoyed a day of sports with the other residences of West College, it was fun working with everyone to arrange this day.

Upcoming events: The Sport portfolio is arranging an Amazing Race, kickboxing day,

a self-defence class and much more. All the arrangements will be given later on!

If you did not know...

Harmony hosts INSANITY!! Every weekday



at 18:00 there is insanity in the Gazelle. You do not pay anything! Just come down in your sport clothes and bring a towel and a water bottle! Anyone is welcome to join, so invite all your friends for a quick workout after class!



Harmony Hoedown 2016

On Wednesday 17th February the Belles and Bellas of Harmony put on their dancing boots for our first informal of 2016, the Harmony Hoedown! Wiesbaden's rustic "Rock & Roes" venue was decorating in true country style with sunflowers and cheque ribbon. Every

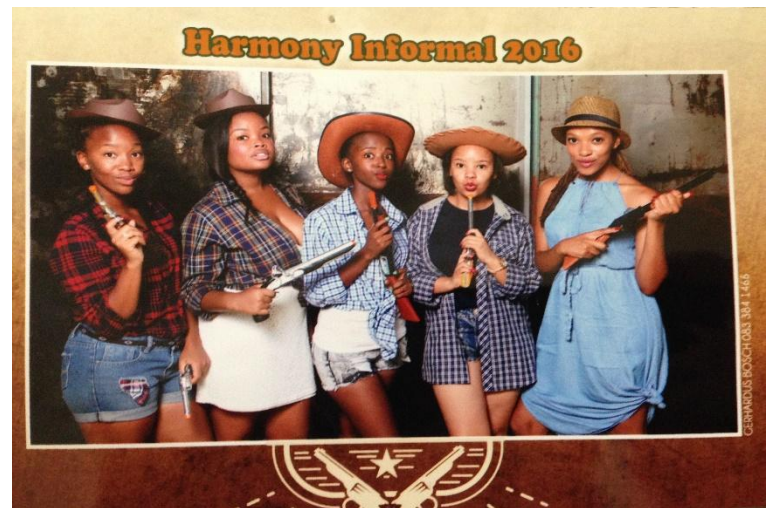


cowboy on campus fought to escort a Harmony Belle to the informal of the year, so it was no surprise when the chosen studs showed up looking dashing in

cowboy hats. Tired from all the dancing everyone filled up on Steers Burgers, convincing them once again that "Flame grilled just tastes better!"

Showing true

sisterhood the Harmony ladies line danced together till dawn (a.k.a. curfew). With sore feet but happy country hearts everyone went home.



1. Meet the team



From left to right: Razia Adriaanse, Moliehi Mafantiri, Jeanne-Dee Cloete and Xoliswa Msimango

2. Let's brand the residence



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