

A network of UWC alumni that call South Africa home!



We celebrate UWC alumni & their contribution to the legacy Madiba left Africa

As UWC alumni you have made an enormous impact in the lives of many people around you...family, friends, colleagues and members of your community. Every day, probably without even realising it, you are fighting poor education, food insecurity and unemployment. For that, we want to celebrate you! On 26 July, we gathered at FotoZA Gallery in Johannesburg to Raise the Bar in honour of the UWC SA community - past and present. We wanted you to know how important your role is in society and the UWC community. Just like you, notable world leaders have been instrumental in furthering Kurt Hahn's goal of producing goodwill and world peace. One such prominent leader that we honoured at our gathering is Nelson Mandela, once famously quoted saying "education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." In 1995, Madiba became actively involved with the UWC movement, first as President and then Honorary President, until his passing.



So as 2018 marks the centenary of his birth, it provides a unique opportunity for us to reflect on his life and to promote his legacy - specifically on education as a tool to benefit future generations. When he said, "it is in your hands to make of the world a better place," we believe he was passing on the responsibility to the next generation of leading and helping to change the world for the better. This year we selected 6 intellectually adventurous, hard-working and exceptionally curious, not to mention breathtakingly smart, South African students to represent us at the various UWCs starting this spring (... autumn for those in the north). We believe they have accepted Madiba's challenge to take upon themselves the responsibility to solve the challenges of the world.

Please check out their achievements [here](#).

We are proud to have them carry the South African flag at UWC campuses across the world and to see them continue their growth from success to significance. The UWC is uniquely placed to provide them with a transformative education and the tools to effect change within their own communities. At the event we were addressed by a recent graduate, Asemahle Mgayi (UWC Mahindra '18), who movingly echoed this sentiment in her speech, "changing my life is changing the life of my community, because you learn [at UWC] that everything you do is not just for you, it's for the people around you."

We look forward to more exciting news from the class of 2020, but we would also love to sing your praises so if you're interested, simply [email us](#) to tell us about how you find the Madiba within and #BetheLegacy he left in the world.

[UWC International joins South Africans to honour Mandela's centenary](#)



On July 31, the UWC International Office hosted an inspiring morning talk in support of UWC African scholars hosted by [Allan Gray](#) at their offices in Rosebank, Johannesburg. The talk was about how UWC African Scholars are positively impacting South Africa and the continent. The presentations were followed by a panel discussion about how investing in a UWC education is helping advance entrepreneurship, create jobs and positively impact the development of the continent

Over the past 55 years, 17 UWC schools and colleges around the globe have educated thousands of young Africans who are making a difference on the continent and in their communities around the world today. Many UWC Alumni are entrepreneurs, have founded social enterprises and are creating sustainable jobs. Others are working in science and healthcare helping to eradicate diseases like HIV and malaria and also working in the fields of education, business and finance. One common thread among all UWC alumni is the compelling force instilled in them to give back and contribute to making a better world. UWC Alumni contribute to the legacy Nelson Mandela left Africa and the world.

Our speakers talked about their work and impact in Africa.

Rodger Chinhague - Scholar, UWC Dilijan '18

James Bicampaka - Scholar, UWC Waterford Kamhlamba '18

Thulani Gcabashe - Chairman, Standard Bank & UWC Waterford Kamhlaba

Stephen Lowry - Principle, UWC Waterford Kamhlaba

Audrey Mothupi - CEO, Systemic Logic & UWC Pearson

Oletilwe Mogashoa - Client Relationship Manager, Allan Gray

Once again we would like to thank them for sharing their inspiring stories on how the UWC experience equipped them to become leaders and contribute to social and economic

development based on the belief that understanding and respecting one's differences is the key to resolving tension between and across societies.



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