

**GOLDFIELDS RESIDENCE
WELCOMING BOOKLET
2026**



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Our Aim

As a leadership team we are committed to giving our newcomers an expansive welcoming experience that welcomes them into our community and prepares them for university life. We strive to show them who Goldfields is and what we stand for during the welcoming period, and to welcome them into our home.

Our Values

Freedom

As a space of historical diversity Goldfields is a residence where you are free to be you. No matter your walk of life at Goldfields we encourage our residents to realize their fullest potential, both within themselves and in their studies

Unity

At Goldfields we stand together as one community. Regardless of whether you are a first year or a fourth year, HC member or Primaria, we are all united by our common values and shared identity. Unity means doing life together and helping each other through hardships when they arise.

Respect

Respect to us means treating one another with dignity and kindness. Whether close friend or mere acquaintance we value a culture where each person can expect to be treated well by every other.

Responsibility

We at Goldfields value responsibility highly. This means both taking care of our shared facilities and amenities and understanding our role in bettering our own community. Each of us have a responsibility to ourselves and to our peers to better the spaces we are in, and this is what we strive for.



Get in Touch!

Please find below the contact details for specific issues or questions in Goldfields. For general queries and personal concerns please contact your mentor.

Residence Head: Mawethu Nyakatya

Email: nyakatya@sun.ac.za

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding placement in Goldfields or if you need information about the university's services.

Goldfields Primaria: Senate Tladi

Email: 24905569@sun.ac.za

Cell Number: 081 772 1397

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about room placements or if you need to make arrangements about your arrival at Goldfields.

Head Mentor: Jaybe Aries

Email: 27169413@sun.ac.za

Cell Number: 079 769 3291

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the mentor program or your mentor assignment.

A Letter From your Residence Head



Welcome to Goldfields Residence at Stellenbosch University – a vibrant and diverse community that enriches every student’s experience. Our diversity is one of our greatest strengths, offering you opportunities to learn, grow, and connect in meaningful ways. Thank you in advance for choosing to live with us and for becoming an active member of our inclusive family. University is not about who you were or where you come from – it is about who you are and who you are becoming. This is your chance to broaden your horizons, meet new people, discover new ideas, and immerse yourself in campus life. Take full advantage of the activities and resources available to you. Goldfields offers a friendly and informal atmosphere where you can feel comfortable, confident and supported as you make new friends, and excel in your studies.

A Letter From your Residence Head

I encourage you to step out of your comfort zone, ask questions when you aren't sure, and remain authentically yourself. Our student leaders are trained and ready to support you through programs designed to help you build meaningful connections while achieving academic success. Make this your year of personal growth – connect with like-minded peers, embrace new perspectives and create friendships that last a lifetime.

We look forward to welcoming you and wish you every success in the year ahead.

Yours sincerely

Mawethu J. Nyakatya



A Letter From your Primaria

To new generation of Goldies

Welcome to the cradle of diversity and congratulations on reaching this milestone. We look forward to supporting you as you embark on this journey. Our home - soon to become your home - is a place characterised by unity, respect and a love for thy neighbour.

Opened in 1987 as a vision of what University life after Apartheid could become, Goldfields has long stood as a beacon of transformation and social progress. We are proud to be the first Stellenbosch University residence to accommodate persons of the global majority and of mixed genders. Our history is our strength and the compass that guides us forward. Our core values; Respect, Responsibility, Unity and Freedom are ideals we live by and expect those who join us to embody.

Being placed in Goldfields, is an honour. It makes the beginning of your journey towards forming lifelong friends and creating memories you will cherish for years to come. My team and I are excited to help create some of those memories with you during Orientation week. We are here to answer questions; both the ones you bring and the ones you have yet to think of.

Named Senate Tladi, I come from Bloemfontein, South Africa, and I am currently pursuing a BCom in Financial Accounting. I am honoured to serve as your Primaria for 2026.

We cannot wait to welcome you home.

Yours Sincerely



Welcome to Validus Cluster

Friendship Camaraderie Innovation

Hey Matie!

Congratulations on your conditional acceptance to Stellenbosch University, we are delighted to extend a warm welcome to the Validus Cluster.



What's a Cluster?

Clusters are student communities designed to support your academic and personal growth. Clusters are friendly, engaging, and inclusive spaces full of opportunities to connect and network. Each of these factors will make your university experience truly exceptional.

About Validus Cluster

Our Cluster includes Khayaletu, Goldfields, Simonsberg, Academia, Olympus, Huis Marais, ISA and Huis Visser, bringing our diverse communities together into one Validus Family.

Meet the team



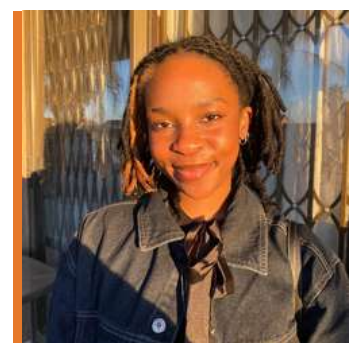
**Cluster Education
Coordinator**

Spurgeon-Haddon Wilson



Cluster Convenor

Que Dunsdon



Cluster Convenor

Kea Ndhlovu

You will be familiarised with our Social Media Manager and Relationships & Admin Liaison during welcoming.

We look forward to meeting you!!

See us in Action!

If you want to find out more about Goldfields you can find us on social media:

Instagram: @goldfieldsresidence

Tiktok: @goldfieldsres

Our Address

Goldfields Residence, Hammanshand Rd, Stellenbosch,
7600

[Click here for the google maps link](#)

A Little Bit of Our History

Goldfields was founded in 1987 by the Goldfields Mining Company. It was built during apartheid as both the first residence to allow people of colour and as Stellenbosch's first co-ed residence. Today Goldfields is one of just four co-ed undergraduate residences, and though we were built as an isolated residence on North campus we now call Khayaletu, Walter Parry, and Academia our neighbors.



A Message From your Welcoming Leaders

Hey there Newcomers! As your Welcoming Leaders we are so looking forward to meeting you all, and welcoming you into our community.

We've taken up this position because we both loved our welcoming periods and are passionate about giving you a similarly transformative experience. University can seem daunting and life at a residence may be different to things you've experienced before. But we're here to help, along with the rest of our team and your mentors. We've curated your welcoming program so that by the end of it you will know everything you need to know about life at university, and more than that you will have a community at your back to help you along the journey. We can't wait to begin this journey with you and we are looking forward to welcoming you to our home.

- Elijah and Jared



A Message From your Head Mentor:

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all newcomers to Goldfields Residence. My name is Jaybe Aries, and I am honoured to serve as your Head Mentor for 2026. I know that many of you may feel nervous or unsure about fitting in, both in residence and at the university, but I want to assure you that our entire leadership team has your best interests at heart. We are committed to working tirelessly to ensure that Goldfields becomes more than just a residence but rather it becomes your home away from home.

The eight mentors selected for this year are among the best our university has to offer, and I am confident that they will make your introduction to university life both smooth and unforgettable.

The mentors and I are incredibly excited to welcome you into our community and to support you as you begin your journey at Stellenbosch University!

A Letter From your Deputy Head Mentor:

Hey Parents and Newcomers, we're super excited to welcome you to Goldfields. Myself and the whole mentor team hope to make the transition to university seamless and most of all fun. Orientation week was some of my best memories from my first year at university, and the best time to meet new people. I look forward to getting to know you all!

- Liam Proctor

Banking Details

A payment of R600 is required from each student to cover your welcoming package. Please bring your proof of payment with you on move-in day.

Payment Details

Bank: Standard Bank

Name of Account: US Deposit Rekening

Account number: 073006955

Reference: HK150

Account type: Business current account

Branch: stellenbosch

Branch code: 050610

Alternatively, Electronic payment Branch Code: 051001

SWIFT address: SBZA ZA JJ



What to bring?

- Bedding (sheets, pillows, duvets, comforters, blankets)
 - Towels
 - Hangers
- 2 medium sized padlocks (to lock your room and your cupboard)
 - SABS approved multi-plug
 - Kitchen utensils
 - Water bottle
- Water – we will have a shopping trip a few days into welcoming so you don't need to bring too much.
 - Mugs
 - Washing powder and pegs
 - Comfortable shoes
 - Sunblock
 - Plain White T- Shirt (it will be painted on)
 - Swim wear/beach wear (if you wish to swim)
- Old clothes for fun activities (that you would not mind getting dirty)
 - Exercise clothes that you can use for hiking and yoga
 - Toiletries
 - Sport equipment (if you wish to play a certain sport)
- Musical instrument (if you play any, for cultural evenings) (Optional)
- Traditional clothing (for cultural events) (Optional)

Handy Appliances: Optional

Please note that the following items are merely suggested but not compulsory. A reminder that the dining hall offers a communal microwave for all to use as well as a hydroboil and catered meals.

Remember that these items are not essential to have during the O-week period and you have time to figure out what you may/may not need for your time at Goldfields Residence. These are just suggestions that many students here find helpful.

- Table lamp (Optional)
- Fan Heater (for winter) (Optional)
- Fan (for summer) (Optional)
- Air fryer (Optional)
- Mini fridge (Optional)

A Sneak Peak of Our Facilities



Sada Oms - Our Dining Hall



A Standard Block Common Room



Goldfields Quad

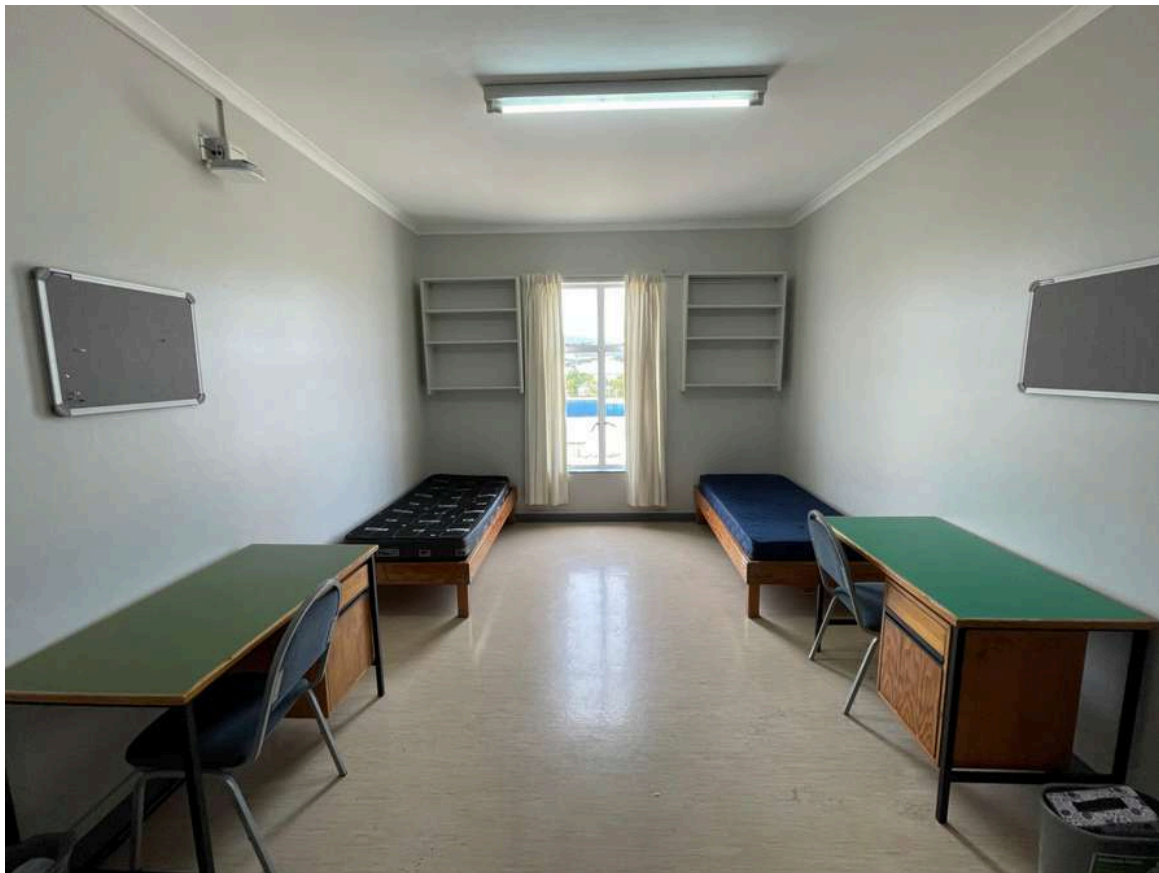


Your Wardrobe

University Accommodation

- Please note that not all rooms look like this. .
- Enquiries about payment of accommodation can be made at University Administration, Admin A: 021 808 9111.
- Furniture: All rooms will have curtains, desks, chairs, bed frames, mattress, built-in closets, and built-in shelves (basic room size photographed below).
- Storage: Storerooms are available for storage during holidays.
- Laundry: Goldfields has a laundry room with washing machines and tumble dryers. Washing quota can be uploaded on student account. Please bring your own washing powder and pegs if you wish to have your clothes washed. You are also welcomed to wash your own clothes if you wish to do so. We have an area with washing lines.
- Cleaning: The university provides a room cleaning service twice a week. They are also responsible for cleaning our bathrooms and the rest of our facilities.

Standard Double Room



Meet your House Committee



**Senate Tladi
Primaria**



**Kate Harris
Vice Primaria**



Kamogelo Mosele
Financial Manager



Elijah Dawes
Secretary, Welcoming Leader,
Cultures and Societies



Zeke Hendricks
Sports, Socials for Welcoming,
Social Media



Jason Semwayo
Critical Engagement, Cluster,
Events, Social Media



Jaybe Aries
Head Mentor, Academics, Health
and Wellness



Lakhe Makhubalo
Critical Engagement, Interblock,
Connect, Events



Jared Benn
**Welcoming Leader, Interblock,
Connect, Cultures and Societies**



Katleho Panyani
**Maintenance, Alumni, Seniors,
Merch**



Alulutho Njongi
Sustainability, Social Impact, Asset
Management

We can't wait to meet you!



Meet your Mentors!



Fergus Taylor



Ian Chatikobo



Takudzwa Tsanulani



Erin Partington

Meet your Mentors!



Megan Eagle



Liliso-Lam Tiso



Liam Proctor



**Chané
Jansen an Rensburg**

**We are so excited to welcome you to
Goldfields!**



Eco-friendly living

How to reduce your carbon footprint
and join the Net Zero Carbon journey

Water

- Water restrictions still apply.
- Use only 80 L /person/day.
- Shower 3 -5 min.
- Use eco-friendly personal products.
- No rinsing or washing with running water.

Transport

- Everything is within easy walking distance on campus.
- Walk or cycle instead of driving.
- Hire a Matie bike.
- Share rides or use shuttles.

Get involved

- Join your community Green/ Sustainability Com.
- Follow: @su.environmental.sust

Energy

- Use LED lamps only.
- Limit fridge use to one 150 L bar fridge per room.
- Air dry clothes when possible.
- Turn off lights & unplug devices when not in use.
- Use A++ energy efficient appliances (low wattage).

Waste

- SUhasa zero waste to landfill goal.
- Buy less items that must be thrown away.
- Bring reusable bags, cups, bottles and containers - no single use items.
- Compost food scraps & sort recyclables properly.
- No wet items in the recycling bin.

CLUSTER NEWCOMERS

ATHLETICS DAY

COETZENBURG ATHLETICS
STADIUM

5 FEBRUARY 2026 17:30 - 20:30



PRESENTED BY THE CENTRE FOR
STUDENT LIFE AND LEARNING AND
MATIES SPORT

