

INTRODUCING THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS OF 2010

THE SIXTH COHORT OF MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS

The Class of 2010 gathered as a group for the first time at their introductory leadership workshop in January, held at the Monkey Valley conference facility at Noordhoek outside central Cape Town. Over these four pages we introduce the young Africans who make up this sixth cohort of Mandela Rhodes Scholars. In addition to introducing them by name and indicating the degree for which they are registered and where they are studying, we share their brief impressions having completed their first leadership development workshop.



IN LOVING
MEMORY OF
KRISHNA
KHETIA

The Mandela Rhodes Foundation records with the greatest sadness the passing of 2010 Mandela Rhodes Scholar Krishna Khetia, in a car accident in Mombasa, Kenya, on 2 January 2010. Our most sincere condolences have been given to the Khetia family. Krishna's portrait will continue to hang in the MRF Boardroom along with the other members of the Class of 2010, and she will not be forgotten.



Grant
Andrews

Nominating Institution:
University of Stellenbosch
Current Institution:
University of Stellenbosch
Degree:
Masters: English

'I enjoyed the debate about what is glory-seeking, what is arrogance, and what is confidence.'



Andrew
Carolin

Nominating Institution:
University of Johannesburg
Current Institution:
University of Johannesburg
Degree:
Masters: English

'I found that you learn best from talking less, and listening more.'



Adèle
Croucamp

Nominating Institution:
North West University,
Current Institution:
North West University
Degree:
Masters: Industrial
Psychology

Adèle was unfortunately unable to attend the first leadership workshop of 2010.



Asanda
Dodi

Nominating Institution:
TSiBA
Current Institution:
University of the
Witwaterstrand
Degree:
Honours: Business
Administration

'I have felt that everyone wants to make a positive contribution beyond themselves, and for the world.'



Siphesihle
Dumisa

Nominating Institution:
University of
KwaZulu-Natal
Current Institution:
University of
KwaZulu-Natal
Degree:
Honours: Political Science

'I was reminded that there doesn't need to be a conclusion to everything, and that there can be multiple perspectives.'



Paton
Dennison

Nominating Institution:
University of the
Free State
Current Institution:
University of the
Free State
Degree:
LLB

'I was reminded that every single person has a unique perspective, and something to add!'

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Clive
Eley

Nominating Institution:
Rhodes University
Current Institution:
Rhodes University
Degree:
Masters: Chemistry

'I have found that when we reach a stage of disagreement, it is the start of the conversation, not the end.'



Emile
Engel

Nominating Institution:
University of Cape Town
Current Institution:
University of Cape Town
Degree:
Masters: Chemistry

'The biggest thing I have taken from this experience is the friendships we have made so far.'



Siyabonga
Gobingca

Nominating Institution:
TSIBA
Current Institution:
University of Cape Town
Degree:
Honours: Business Administration

'I learned that I don't have to be in control of every situation, that I can be okay with different views.'



Nozipho
Hokonya

Nominating Institution:
Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
Current Institution:
Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
Degree:
Honours: Social Work

'I am taking away from this the need to focus on clear and basic values to live one's life.'



Steven
Hussey

Nominating Institution:
University of Pretoria
Current Institution:
University of Pretoria
Degree:
Masters: Biotechnology

'I found that all the Scholars were incredibly optimistic, passionate and opinionated – and that was great.'



Yannick
Kala Konga

Nominating Institution:
Tshwane University of Technology
Current Institution:
Tshwane University of Technology
Degree:
Masters: Electronic Engineering

'I take away the fact that I come from a very cynical place; but here I have rediscovered hope.'



Serge
Lomago

Nominating Institution:
University of KwaZulu-Natal
Current Institution:
University of Cape Town
Degree:
Honours: Finance & Management

'I was reminded of the value of communication, networking, and one-to-one discussions.'



Nande
Mabona

Nominating Institution:
University of the Western Cape
Current Institution:
University of the Western Cape
Degree:
Honours: Petroleum Geology

'I was reminded that listening is very virtuous, and that there is much to learn from hearing one another.'

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Oupa
Malahlela

Nominating Institution:
University of Limpopo
Current Institution:
University of Limpopo
Degree:
Masters: Science

'I realised during this experience that there is a great society of future leaders here.'



Athambile
Masola

Nominating Institution:
Rhodes University
Current Institution:
Rhodes University
Degree:
Masters: African Studies

'One thing I took away from this experience is that it's okay to chill, sometimes!'



Henry
Mavasa

Nominating Institution:
University of Zululand
Current Institution:
University of Zululand
Degree:
Masters: Clinical Psychology

'I realised that this Scholarship is truly a gift to us, not something that we are just borrowing – and that none of us is alone.'



Cara
Meintjies

Nominating Institution:
University of Stellenbosch
Current Institution:
University of Stellenbosch
Degree:
Masters: International Studies

'I was reminded that we are not just lone rangers – and that The Mandela Rhodes Foundation is keeping dreams alive.'



Syden
Mishi

Nominating Institution:
University of Fort Hare
Current Institution:
University of Fort Hare
Degree:
Honours: Economics

'I realised we are diverse, and that makes us fit like jigsaw puzzle pieces.'



Petunia
Mpoza

Nominating Institution:
Monash
Current Institution:
Monash
Degree:
Honours: International Relations

'I learned that I don't have to be in control all the time, that I can learn from others.'



Zukiswa
Mqolomba

Nominating Institution:
University of Cape Town
Current Institution:
University of Cape Town
Degree:
Masters: Social Science

'The discussions reminded me we should understand that all of history is a social construct.'



Comfort
Ndala

Nominating Institution:
Tshwane University of Technology
Current Institution:
Tshwane University of Technology
Degree:
Masters: Operations Management

'This experience is the future of Africa, with no boundaries. I have hope in each and every one of us.'

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Zimbini
Ogle

Nominating Institution:
Independent
Current Institution:
Nelson Mandela
Metropolitan Univesity
Degree:
Masters: Clinical Psychology

'One mustn't look at the people around you by colour or class – but as human beings.'



Shaheen
Seedat

Nominating Institution:
University of the
Witwatersrand
Current Institution:
University of the
Witwatersrand
Degree:
Honours: Economics and
Mathematics

'My highlights were the discussions on so many issues, with views so different from my own.'



Nandipha
Sephuma

Nominating Institution:
University of
KwaZulu-Natal
Current Institution:
University of
KwaZulu-Natal
Degree:
Masters: English

'I found it is possible to be part of a room full of intelligent, passionate, enthusiastic people!'



Elizabeth
Vale

Nominating Institution:
Rhodes University
Current Institution:
Rhodes University
Degree:
Honours: Philosophy

'I was reminded of how important it is to identify and utilise *all* peoples' skills.'



Alice
Wamundiya

Nominating Institution:
University of the
Western Cape
Current Institution:
University of
Cape Town
Degree:
Masters: Development
Studies

'I took from this experience that there are other Africans who want to share the burdens of our continent.'



Richard
Wilkinson

Nominating Institution:
University of Cape Town
Current Institution:
University of Cape Town
Degree:
LLB

'I am realising that history is one long story and that there is always another chapter.'