Celebration time! Witsies welcome Clever Boys champions

Keep traditions alive It’s fun and makes great memories to share

Arobaroba! Help us create a spirit song

Amazing Witsies Young movers and shakers

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CELEBRATION TIME!

WITSIES WELCOME CLEVER BOYS CHAMPIONS
The Clever Boys passed their written exam with distinction when they visited campus on 8 August to meet their fans, sign autographs and pose for selfies. The players' pens flew as they tackled a long line of Witsies queueing to congratulate the 2016/2017 Absa Premiership and MTN 8 champions.

Warm midday sunshine gleamed off the two huge silver trophies on display outside the Great Hall while the Bidvest Wits marching band kept the fans entertained.

For a change, the Wits mascot Kudos Kudu wasn't the main celeb of the day. The stellar cast of team members being fielded on the Piazza included Darren Keet, PSL goalkeeper of the season, captain Thulani Hlatshwayo, defender of the season, Phakamani Mahlambi, young player of the season, and Daine Klate, MTN8 player of the tournament. Hlatshwayo is also captain of the national side, Bafana Bafana. Also attracting a lot of attention was former national captain Steven Pienaar, who has played in Europe for 16 years and is one of the new signings to the team.

The club’s first big star was Gary Bailey, a civil engineering student in the 1970s.

Celebrating its 96th anniversary this year, the club was renamed Bidvest Wits in 2002 when the Bidvest Group invested in a sponsorship with the Wits University Football Club. In May 2006 the group bought a large stake in the club.

The tournaments are rolling again and Bidvest Wits need your support at the games if they are to repeat last season’s great performance.

The 2016/17 Absa Premiership champions jerseys are on sale for R300 – contact: sli@bidvestwits.co.za or 011 339 1112.
Here’s some advice from Wits alumni about making the most of your student days:

“It’s more than just books. Leave a legacy, make new friends, volunteer…”
Tendani Mutshai

“Join a sports club. I met so many people through Wits squash…even my husband!”
Celeste Wapnick Bortz

“Cherish these times and appreciate the opportunity you have to study at one of the best universities on earth.”
Belinda Fernandez

“I loved using the libraries on different campuses! All so different and unique…”
Sonto Banganayi

“Don’t be shy to ask questions when you’re not sure about something. Make sure you keep your grades good – well above 65%. Be active around campus – have a balanced student life.”
Yolisa Mfaise

“You want to achieve great things in life…join Wits University…that’s the place to be.”
Beauty Mtsweni

“Make as many connections and friends as you can.”
MusaNtle

PARTY HARD, STUDY HARD.
Kelello Thamae Hlaojane

Have your say #WitsAdvice

WITSIES NEED A SPIRIT SONG

You should get goosebumps when your team goes out onto the field and you hear your song. Help us create a short, crisp spirit song: a way for Witsies to stir up a vibe together, cheer on our teams and celebrate wins.

Think Asiphelelanga, Arobaroba, Skhomba Phezulu, Shosholoza, Yiyo Le Bhakaniya, Ulkhosi Impela, Wavin Flag, You’ll Never Walk Alone, the Haka…

Send your suggestions to peter.maher@wits.ac.za. The first ten respondents will receive a free Proudly Witsie T-shirt. A prize will be awarded if your lyrics are selected as a spirit song!

FROM PAVEMENT TO POWER

Join us for an alumni networking event where Wits graduate and financial planning expert Frank Magwegwe will be our guest speaker. Read his amazing life story here. You’re welcome to join us on 7 September: watch out for details here.

Live webcam of the Great Hall and Library Lawns

Have your say #WitsSpirit
Wits has many unique, weird and wacky student traditions. While some traditions fade with time and new traditions emerge that resonate with an ever-evolving student body, some traditions stand the test of time, being kept alive through many generations of students. These are the traditions that unite Witsies through the ages and cement the distinctly Witsie identity.

Have your say
#WitsTraditions

Are there any new traditions?
Tell us about them:
peter.maher@wits.ac.za

Keep Traditions Alive

You can read more about Wits history and traditions online.
Everyone knows that Wits gives you the edge. Here is just a small sample of young Witsie movers and shakers:

**AMAZING WITSIES**

- **Actress** Puleng Molebatsi
- **Journalist** Khadija Patel
- **Doctors** Reza and Ridwaan Mia
- **Journalist** Anelisa Tuswa
- **Actress** Candice Modiselle
- **Materials chemist** Funeka Nkosi
- **Attorney** Nomonde Nyembe
- **Actress** Masasa Mbangeni
- **Inventor and entrepreneur** Nthato Moagi
- **Mrs SA second princess** Marlene Naicker
- **Biokineticist** Natalia Neophytou
- **Business software engineer** Ryan Canin

... and so many more!

Be inspired by more famous Witsies!
A recent survey came up with some interesting insights into Wits students. Here’s what 5,562 Witsies told Universum, a market research consultancy, in its Talent Research 2017 report:

**Witsies tend to be ‘big-picture’ individuals who focus primarily on the future instead of day-to-day or historical situations.”**

**LONG-TERM CAREER GOALS**

- To have an international career
- To be dedicated to a cause or serve a greater good
- To have work/life balance

**YOU GAVE WITS A GOOD SCORE FOR:**

- friendly and open environment — 68%
- commitment to diversity and inclusion — 63%
- support for gender equality — 64%
- quality and variety of courses — 75%
- secure campus environment — 94%
- creative and dynamic atmosphere — 93%
- exceptional professors/lecturers — 93%
- challenging curriculum — 77%

**STUDENTS’ PREFERRED INDUSTRIES:**

- Banks
- Health Care Services
- Educational and Scientific Institutions
- Industrial engineering and manufacturing
- Arts, Entertainment and Recreation

**THE PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS WHO ARE INDIAN**

- 12%

**THE PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS WHO ARE BLACK**

- 68%

**THE PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS WHO ARE WHITE**

- 15%

**THE PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS WHO ARE COLOURED**

- 3%

**STUDENTS’ EXPECTED ANNUAL SALARY before taxes (excluding commission and bonus) at their first employment after graduation**

- R 331,739

The research aims to understand students’ career preferences, expectations and perceptions. Over a few months in 2016 and 2017, Universum surveyed 46,981 students and professionals. Of the 5,562 Wits students surveyed online, 68% were black, 15% white, 12% Indian and 3% coloured. The biggest group by field of study was the humanities and education (26%).

Have your say #MyWits
DID YOU KNOW?

WHO IS THE WITS MASCOT?
The Wits mascot is Kudos Kudu, also affectionately known as “Kudu”. He also resides on our Coat of Arms. He lifts our spirits and brings us good luck. You’ll find him cheering you on at major student, sport and University events. A proudly African animal, he gets his name from the Greek word for “honour, glory and praise for exceptional achievement”. He has a sister, Ms Kudos, and younger brother, Kudly Kudu.

WHAT IS WITS CONVOCATION?
It’s a statutory body consisting of all graduates, academic staff and retired academics with 10 consecutive years’ service to the University. When you graduate, you automatically become a member of Convocation. This body elects the Chancellor and the Executive Committee and President of Convocation. Convocation has two representatives on the University Council.

WHAT DO THE WAVY SILVER LINES ON THE WITS CREST STAND FOR?
The Vaal and Limpopo rivers on either side of the Witwatersrand gold fields.

BACK IN THE DAY
The grand opening of Central Block (now Robert Sobukwe Block) in 1925.

WHEN IS WITS’ BIRTHDAY?
4 October 1922. Wits will celebrate its centenary in 2022.

GIVING IS CLASSY
There are many generous donors who give to Wits so that more students can have a Wits education.

In 2016, more than 20 000 Wits students (about 60%) received some form of funding. The University received R300-million in donations. More than 1000 individual donors and 100 philanthropic foundations chipped in. So did big companies, NGOs and public sector entities (such as the National Research Foundation).

Did a bursary or scholarship give you a chance to succeed? Please tell us your story!

Your own class could one day be remembered and appreciated for its foresight and generosity. Sometimes a graduated class offers a group gift to Wits. When the Wits Medical School Class of 1966 held its 50th reunion, class members came from far and wide. They put together a gift of over R600 000 for the PV Tobias Bursary Fund. You, too, can achieve immortality! But your class doesn’t have to wait 50 years – a smaller gift is fine too.

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