



Great start to 2017

Wits University has started the new year on a positive note. All supplementary exams for 2016 have been successfully completed and student registrations for 2017, which started on 3 January, have proceeded peacefully. More than 25 000 students have registered thus far and Wits has welcomed about 6 000 new first-year students. The University is addressing the issue of students who cannot afford the registration fee and has released a [statement](#) about agreements made to support students financially this year.

The first cohort of [insourced workers](#) reported to work as official Wits employees in January. With higher salaries and education benefits, life will improve for about 1500 workers employed in cleaning, catering, security, transport, waste, grounds and landscaping. Florence Mashaba, for example, proudly explains in this [video](#) that she can now give her children a brighter future.

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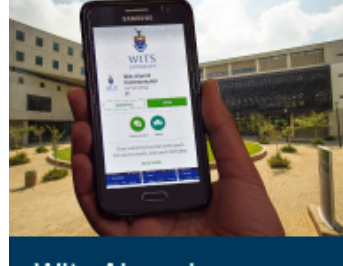
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Varsity Kudus 15km Road Race

[Varsity Kudus](#) Running Club held their annual 15km run on 8 January, undeterred by wet weather.

5km Night Race

The annual [Wits 5km Night Race](#) takes place at 6pm on 2 February. Join fellow Witsies for this thrilling night run around campus. Registrations will start at Sturrock Park at 4pm on the day of the event.

Campus Tours

Fancy a more sedate tour of campus? Come and see what's changed and what hasn't – revive the memories and see what Wits has to offer. Contact [Purvi Purohit](#) or 011 717 1093.

Keiskamma Art Project

Brenda Schmahmann (BA FA 1982, BA Hons 1983, MA 1987, PhD 1997) is showing some of the *Intsikizi Tapestries*, made by the [Keiskamma Art Project](#), in her offices at 33 Twickenham Avenue, Auckland Park. Visitors are welcome from late January until the end of February, Mondays to Fridays between 8.30am and 3.30pm.

Health Sciences reunion

The 2017 Health Sciences Alumni Week will be from 6 – 9 September 2017. The special anniversary years are: 10 (2007), 15 (2002), 20 (1997), 25 (1992), 30 (1987), 35 (1982), 40 (1977), 45 (1972) and 50 (1967) years since graduating. Faculty Development Officer [Lisa Rautenbach](#) will send a formal invitation in February, with more details of the programme. The Health Sciences reunion in 2016 was especially well attended by the Class of 1986. View a [video](#) made by Gavin Kretzmer (MBBCh 1986).



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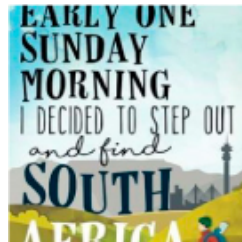
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Have you noticed how many of the top matric achievers profiled in the news media say they hope to study at Wits? Many of them have already overcome huge disadvantages to get this chance of a better life and of eventually helping to build South Africa as a Wits graduate. They deserve the support of Witsies.

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