

**Saturday 13 November** 

**CLASS OF 2021** 

IB DIPLOMA GRADUATION





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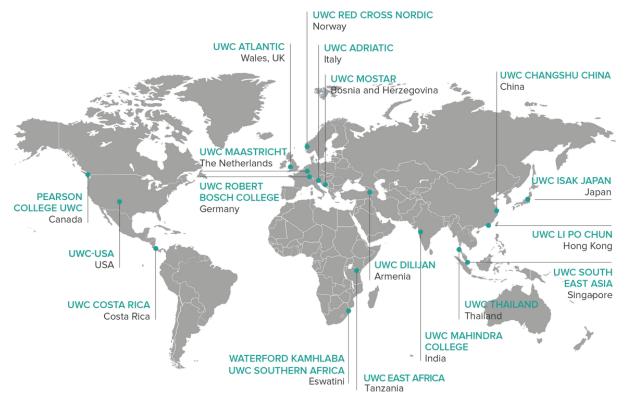
UWC (United World Colleges) is a global movement that makes education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future. UWC has a network of 18 international schools on four continents, with volunteer-run national committees in more than 155 countries and territories. Today, 11,262 students from over 160 countries attend UWC schools (2020 data).

UWC offers a challenging educational experience to a deliberately diverse group of students. It complements the high academic standards delivered through the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) by placing a high value on experiential learning, community service and outdoor activities.

Admission to a UWC school is independent of socio-economic means, with over 80% of IBDP students selected by a UWC national committee receiving full or partial financial support.

Since the foundation of the first UWC college in 1962, UWC has inspired a network of almost 60,000 alumni worldwide, who remain engaged with the UWC movement and committed to creating a more sustainable and peaceful world.







### Schedule of **Events**

ALL GUESTS TO BE SEATED FROM 10.30 - 10.45 AM

WATERFORD MARIMBA GROUP

Tinotendashe Chigerwe, Zimbabwe Rodney Mataruse, Zimbabwe Reward Mulauzi, Zimbabwe Bongani Mwonzora, Zimbabwe Zakithi Khumalo, Zimbabwe Tanaka Mutumhe, Zimbabwe Kupakwashe Mhere, Zimbabwe Kode Kojo Yakpo, Zimbabwe

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

Ms Elizabeth Cummergen, **IBDP** Coordinator Ms Patricia Angoy, College Principal

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Ms Patricia Angoy, College Principal

**WELCOME** 

Tiyandza Mngomezulu, Eswatini Ezra Narum, South Africa Programme Directors

WATERFORD'S SURVIVOR AWARDS

Dr Alban Gambe, Director of Residences & Head of Ekukhuleni

**CHOIR PERFORMANCE** 

Waterford Choir Leaders: Ezra Narum, South Africa Belusi Simelane, South Africa Andiswa Mmema, Eswatini Mbalenthle Ngwenya, Canada Nthati Lehloenya, Lesotho Temlandvo Magongo, Eswatini Ayeyi Asamoah-Manu, Ghana Maria Manyama, Tanzania Semyon Andrushenko, Russian

Federation

Tiyandza Mngomezulu, Eswatini

Massimo Shongwe, Eswatini

Ms Elizabeth Cummergen, **IBDP** Coordinator

**POEM** 

IBDP COORDINATOR'S REMARKS



### Schedule of Events

**VIOLIN DUET** 

Tinotendashe Chigerwe, Zimbabwe Betty-Sue Kihunrwa, Tanzania

**WK JAZZ BAND** 

Mr Mark Bradshaw, UK Conductor
Afnan Rafid, Bangladesh
Clement Hochapfel, France
Semyon Andrushenko, Russian
Federation
Tanaka Mutumhe, Zimbabwe
Malcolm Nyondo, Malawi
Dora Lin, Botswana
Rose Bradshaw, United Kingdom
Leo Wu, Taiwan
Lyn Gathaiya, Kenya

**DANCE PERFORMANCE** 

Esther Niyongabo, Burundi Shirley Mugisha, Burundi Moliehi Seipati, Lesotho Dadiso Chitsa, Zimbabwe Betty-Sue Kihunrwa, Tanzania

**CLASS OF 2021 SPEECH/ADDRESS** 

Belusi Simelane, South Africa

**MUSIC PERFORMANCE** 

Belusi Simelane, South Africa Sisekelo Mlotsa, Eswatini Afnan Rafid, Bangladesh Fode Kojo Yakpo, Germany Semyon Andrushenko, Russian Federation Tanaka Mutumhe, Zimbabwe Malcolm Nyondo, Malawi Dora Lin, Botswana

**DANCE PERFORMANCE** 

Ezra Narun, South Africa Kathryn Burger, Austria



### Schedule of Events

POEM Susanna Jakob, Germany

CLASS OF 2021 ADDRESS/SPEECH Ayeyi Asamoah-Manu, Ghana

MUSIC PERFORMANCE

Anika Rehan Moin, Pakistan

DANCE PERFORMANCE Tosca Simon, Namibia

Nyaradzo Mararanje, Zimbabwe Lea Asopjio Jieufack, Cameroon Aliny Marrime, Mozambique Abba Diallo, Burkino Faso

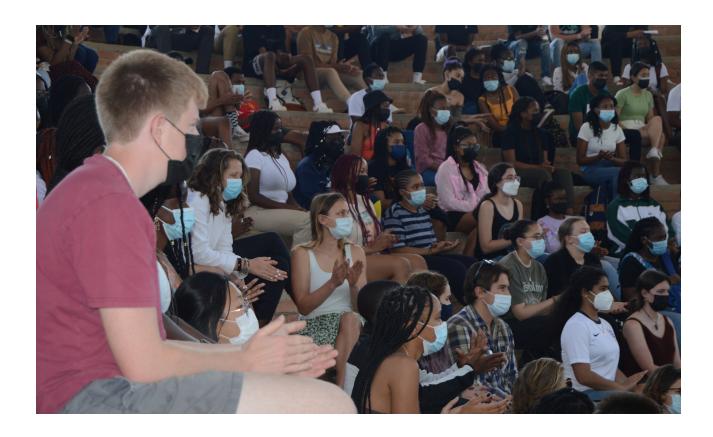
MUSIC PERFORMANCE

Todvwa Dlamini, Eswatini
Nosipho Mpanza, Eswatini

MUSIC PERFORMANCE Deeply Rooted Sounds

VOTE OF THANKS & SEND OFF

Mr John Storer, Director of
Admissions & University Advisor





## **CONGRATULATIONS IB CLASS OF 2021**

	NAMES	NATIONALITIES
001	ABEAW, Abdulahi Hassen	Ethiopia
002	ABUSHANAB, Rawan M. A.	Palestine
003	ANDRUSCHENKO, Semyon	Russian Federation
004	ANNEMANS, Amanda	Belgium
005	ASAMOAH-MANU, Ayeyi Poku	Ghana
006	ASOPJIO JIEUFACK, Lea Denise Sheila	Cameroon
007	ATAYA, Tamara Bochere	Kenya
800	ATWELL, Abigail Mariah	Eswatini
009	AYENDWA, Liam Perry	Uganda
010	BAILEY, Georgia Constance Claude	South Africa
011	BALIKOWA, Samantha	Uganda
012	BANGUI ONGAGNA ALEMBA, Leondra	Congo Brazzaville
013	BOBONGO-MAZZ, Prodige Relique Venus	Congo Brazzaville
014	BORREL, Iain Michael	Eswatini
015	BURGER, Kathrin Liliane	Austria
016	BUTAO, Anwen Anastasia	Malawi
017	CHALWE, Mwewa	Zambia
018	CHARI, Narayanan	India
019	CHENG, Yifei	China
020	CHITENGWA, Dadiso Josephine	Zimbabwe
021	DAKORA, Taanuba Rene	South Africa
022	Dawson, Asha Copper	Eswatini
023	DHEWA, Kudzai	Zimbabwe
024	DIALLO, Abba Mariam Martine	Burkina Faso
025	DLAMINI, Happy Todvwa	Eswatini
026	ESAMBU, Brida Oleka	DR Congo
027	FARRELL, Thomas	South Africa
028	FONCHA, Verena-Eliette Luonerhnui	Cameroon
029	FOOSE, Grace Mee-Sun	USA
030	GANDIYA, Christine K	Zimbabwe
031	GASASIRA, Francine Kandatwa	Uganda
032	GREEN-THOMPSON, Luke Donald	South Africa
033	GUMBO, John-Paul Ngonidzashe Runganga	Zimbabwe
034	GWAZA, Nyasha	Zimbabwe
035	HARGES, Dejanae Alyse	USA
036	HASSAN, Abdiweli Hussein	Somalia
037	HENWOOD, Paige Georgia	Eswatini
038	HIWA, Daniella	Malawi
039	HOCHAPFEL, Clément Pierre Jean	France
040	ISMAIL, Taariq	South Africa
041	JAKOB, Susanna	Germany
042	UMAEV, Jovid	Tajikistan
043	KIDDE, Juliana Mwesigwa	Uganda
044	KUGARA, Arnold Tendai	Zimbabwe
045	Kusiima, Nadia	Uganda



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	NAMES	NATIONALITIES
046	KUUYUOR, Ransford	Ghana
047	KWELAGOBE, Loyiso Peter Vincent	Botswana
048	LEBONA-MNDZEBELE, Thesele	Eswatini
049	LEHLOENYA, Nthati	Lesotho
050	LOWRY, Patrick Thomas	South Africa
051	LUKHELE, Temphilo Thandolwethu	Eswatini
051	MABASO, Tinashe Treasure	Eswatini
052	·	Lesotho
	MACONCO, Tamlandya Ntambamblanha	
054	MAGONGO, Temlandvo Ntombemhlophe	Eswatini
055	MAMBA, Beketele Wenkhosi	Eswatini
056	MAMBA, Masiko Neliswa	Eswatini
057	MANDA, Malaika Tatenda	Malawi 
058	MANYAMA, Maria Robert	Tanzania 
059	MARARANJE, Nyaradzo Valery	Zimbabwe
060	MARIMA, Mona	Kenya
061	MARRIME, Aliny Joana Moises	Mozambique
062	MASONYA, Mandisa Kitso	Eswatini
063	MASUKU, Sandza Vumile	Eswatini
064	MASVIMBO, Tanyaradzwa Chiarra	Zimbabwe
065	MATHU, Renate Grace	Kenya
066	MATHUNJWA, Sakhile Thembumenzi	Eswatini
067	MATSE, Nokwanda Qinisile	Eswatini
068	MBINGO, Lungiselwe Khethile	Eswatini
069	MFUMO, Thandisa Annie	Eswatini
070	MHLANGA, Agnes	Zimbabwe
071	MILLER, Megan	South Africa
072	MLOTSA, Sisekelo Zanokuhle	Eswatini
073	MLOTSHWA, Zinthle Jade	Zimbabwe
074	MMEMA, Andiswa Tsembaa	Zimbabwe
075	MNGOMEZULU, Tiyandza Senamile	Eswatini
076	MNISI, Lungelo Sikhangetiwe	Eswatini
077	MNISI, Thuba Sengetiwe	Eswatini
078	MOHLABA, Malebo	South Africa
079	MPANZA, Nosipho	South Africa
080	MPOFU, Thandeka Mathew	Zimbabwe
081	MUDEHWE, Vinlaw Zvikomborero Pahanga	Zimbabwe
082	MUSASA, Tafadzwa Monalisa	Zimbabwe
083	MUTEVEDZI, Andipanyasha Tanyaradzwa	Zimbabwe
084	MWANDIHAMBA, Medylean	Zimbabwe
085	NARUN, Ezra	South Africa
086	NGCAMPHALALA, Banatsi Wethu	Eswatini
087	NGUVAUVA, Vetumuna	Namibia
088	NGWENYA, Mbalenhle Lungelo	Canada
089	NISHIMWE, Giselle	Burundi



## **CONGRATULATIONS IB CLASS OF 2021**

	NAMES	NATIONALITIE
090	NOKO, Mooketsi Gift	Zimbabwe
091	NTESO, Relebohile Michelle	Lesotho
092	OFFIERSKI, Olga-Charlotte Marie	Belgium
093	OWOR, Phoebe	Uganda
094	PHIRI, Rhema Amanda	Malawi
095	PIERSON-FLAGG, Logan Max	USA
096	POVEDA MORALES, Hadit Ariadna	Colombia
097	RAFID, Afnan	Bangladesh
098	RAJBHANDARI, Akshaj	Nepal
099	SANGINGA, Koko Divine	DR Congo
100	SEGUNDA, Nadia Fatima Vicente	Angola
101	SHONGWE, Massimo Jocelyn	Eswatini
102	SIMELANE, Belusi Zwakele	South Africa
103	SIMON, Tosca Joy	Namibia
104	SSENFUKA, Abbas	Uganda
105	SUBENDRAN, Alysha Binti	Malaysia
106	TOUMI, Jassem	Tunisia
107	TSHEHLA, Naledi Helen	South Africa
108	TZAI, Mu-Ling	Taiwan
109	WALKER-KELEHER, Georgia	USA
110	YU, Tong	China





#### THE GOVERNING COUNCIL MESSAGE

Dear IB Class of 2021,

As the Governing Council, we sincerely wish that we could have joined you to celebrate your graduation today. Please know that if we were there with you, each one of us would be on our feet, beaming, with tears swelling in our eyes, giving you an extended standing ovation, applauding you with the deepest admiration. We are exceedingly proud of you.

You, the class of 2021, are the 40th IB class in Waterford Kamhlaba's history. Also, no IB class has ever endured anything like what you have endured, and we sincerely hope that no future IB class ever will. None of us - not you, not us, nor those who love you - could have imagined what lay ahead when you began your IB journey in January, 2020. If we, as Governors, had known what was coming, we would not have asked you to take it on. How could we? If you had known what was coming, how many of you would have shown up? However, despite all that has transpired, here you are. Your presence at this ceremony today is itself a simple but powerful testament to your character and spirit.

The events of the last two years - school closures due to Covid; online teaching and learning; power outages so frequent they became almost normal; internet outages that undermined your studies and separated you from your loved ones; border closures; campus lockdowns; gunshots, roadblocks and fires during social unrest; masks, screening and physical distancing requirements; and relentless, unending uncertainty - have cheated of you of the Waterford and IB experience you dreamed of, and that you deserved.

We hope that someday (perhaps decades down the road), you will look back on these two years and recognize that despite all of the challenges, you did something wonderful. You built friendships, you supported each other, you felt despair but found a way to push forward, you advocated for what was important to you, you educated each other, you demanded better from the adults around you, and you found ways to laugh and have fun. You did not quit. Instead, you squeezed goodness out of a dismal situation. You—individually and collectively—persevered and made a positive difference.

As you move forward in life, we hope that is the lesson you take with you from your days at WK: That regardless of your circumstances, you can make positive change in the world around you. It is almost inevitable, given climate change, rising intolerance, surging nationalism, ballooning inequality, and more, that you will face serious challenges again in your life. You have already proven, however, that you are up to the task. That working with others, you can make things better.

Congratulations! We wish you all the best as the next chapters of your lives unfold. Lastly, thank you for enriching our lives.





## My Journey at Waterford Kamhlaba

Tiyandza Mngomezulu (Eswatini, WK 2015 - 2021)

My journey at Waterford Kamhlaba began in 2015, where as a young girl from the Kingdom of Eswatini, I felt the pressure of having been accepted into an international school, a United World College. However, I also knew the importance of making the most of my experience here. Being cognisant of that is why these past 7 years at Waterford have been characterized by exploration, in my academic pursuits, extracurricular activities and in the arts. I have been fortunate to have spent my adolescent years in an environment where differences are celebrated, which is always ideal for a period of growth, change and an identity crisis or two.

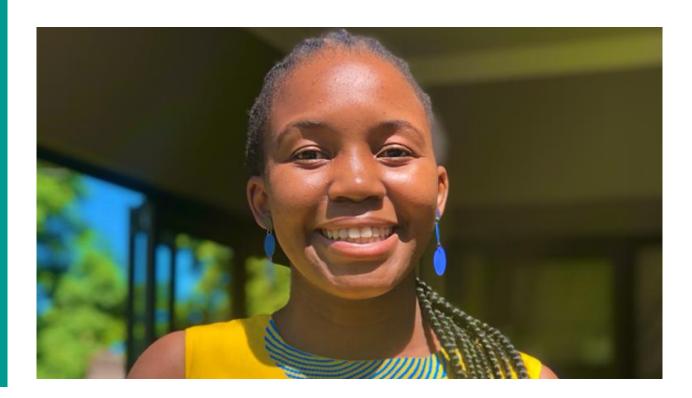
I was always intrigued by the concept of UWC and where I would fit into all of it. This new idea of 'deliberate diversity' has come to mean liberal students who are passionate about global issues, social justice, and climate change, students who are politically correct and desire to have 'the UWC experience'. While I think that describes some of us pretty well, I wouldn't say that I found a complete shared identity with anyone here. Yes, I have met people who share the same morals and beliefs as me. However, I have also met people that have fundamentally different values than me. The significance is in how while in this pressure cooker of an environment, I have learned to appreciate both. I have learnt that even in the flaws I see and issues I have to contend within this institution, I can still appreciate the intent of actions taken or decisions made while criticizing the outcome. It highlights my role as someone who has the ability to be involved in changing an aspect of society that I don't agree with.



Over the years, I have been exposed to opportunities where I have developed my passions and interests and have been immersed in various art forms. I have learnt about writers and curators of literary works in class that have inspired me to invest time in my own storytelling and poetry. Times spent in drama classes and school plays have stimulated the thespian in me. I have even found passion in service rooted in contributing to the betterment of a community, and how this can be accomplished without patronizing local communities but by simply offering a helping hand. Being a part of projects at Mpaka Refugee Camp, Ekwetsembeni, Hawane and the local Sobhiyozo Pre-school has allowed me to recognize my own privilege and also see the full worth of providing a service to those who need it the most.

The concept of taking time to pause and reflect is elevated at Waterford and that has impacted me in a positive way. I have learnt to be more mindful and intentional in my daily life. In times of confusion, deadlines and work overload, I have learned to step away from it all and gain clarity. Furthermore, the different activities, clubs, and events I have been a part of over the years have allowed me to see the impact of potent global issues. Being one of the co-heads of GirlUp, which is a movement to advance girls' skills and rights, a lot of our discussions explored gender inequality within different contexts and periods. In addition, I was involved in Africa Week in my IB years, which is an event that seeks to delve deep into the struggles of African identity while simultaneously celebrating the beauty of the continent and its people. Notably, even learning about human rights violations in Global Politics had me thinking about the black lives matter movement and how Ahmaud Arbery, a black man, was gunned down by white supremacists while jogging in broad daylight. This is a space that allows for constant reflection on issues of global importance, whether it is ones that I am subject to or ones that I have the privilege not to experience.

As I have come to the end of my journey here, there is a lot that I can be thankful for. Living in a cross-cultural context has broadened my scope and perspective on the world while helping me to see that we are also more alike than we think. I am grateful for the life-long connections I have made, the treasured memories and lessons learned.





# My WK Experience

#### DeJanae Harges (USA, WK 2020 - 2021)

Before coming to Waterford, I had never lived in a different context than my own. When I was applying to UWC, Waterford was one of the first schools to catch my eye. I felt drawn by a school that was founded on the values of inclusion and diversity, in a time where those values were opposed. Additionally, the focus that Waterford put on community service made me excited as working with communities is really important to me. These attributes made Waterford my first choice school when my national committee asked me to rank where I wanted to go.

Being here for those first two months of 2020 made me extremely happy and fulfilled. I met people from all over the world. I was able to learn about different cultures and perspectives. I learned so much about the world outside of my own, from inside the class and out. The community service aspect was amazing. We had so many opportunities to go out and interact with the community around us. Whether it is improving English literacy with primary students or helping plan Brave Girl Camp there was always something to do. I felt a sense of community on campus as well. The student-led events and initiatives were carefully planned and showed me how much my peers cared about making the environment fun and supportive.

However, as we all know these two years have been a rollercoaster. From covid to the school closing, to civil unrest, our year group has not had a traditional experience. Online school was extremely difficult, and not ideal. Yet, I remember feeling so supported by the Waterford community. My tutor, Mr. Alexander, made sure to check on me, and although we were all going through a rough time, there was never a time I could not call someone and have a virtual shoulder to cry on. My teachers tried extremely hard to make the best of online school and offered me great support even though I was six hours behind the rest of my peers.

Through my classes, I was able to find what I wanted to do with my life. Classes like Global Politics helped me to explore different avenues of thinking. It not only taught me a lot about world issues, but it also helped me think about how I can analyze these issues that were going on. I am going for a degree in Political Science more confident in my abilities. Thanks to my amazing teacher Ms. Cummergen. Theatre taught me not only do I enjoy acting, but I am good at it. I was able to explore different styles and was given a lot of space to try and make mistakes by my theatre teacher Kassi. I now plan to pursue it as an extracurricular in university.

Although Covid-19 restrictions made it difficult we were able to still make the best of what we had. I was the head of Women's Week and Brave Girl Camp this year. For Women's week, we had successful conversations about intersectionality which helped everyone learn a lot.



We arranged a very fun and heartwarming women's lounge which showcased the talented people we have in Waterford and gave people a space to celebrate women. For Brave Girl, we were not able to host the camp, but we were able to still send out packages to the girls that were accepted. Through the resilience of the students, we were able to still have the experiences that we wanted.

These past two years have taught me resilience. I have grown so much, thanks to the people around me. I am less afraid to go after what I want and am better prepared to deal with challenges.







## My Waterford Experience

### Hadit Poveda Morales (Colombia, WK 2020 - 2021)

Waterford Kamhlaba was a fascinating experience, full of challenges and opportunities that have left a giant footprint in my life during these two years. Its traditions, landscapes and its great community, enclose you in a charming, magical atmosphere, so that within just a couple of days, you feel very grateful, because you found that your classmates are now part of your family.

I joined Waterford in 2020, after attending a school where the elementary and high school totaled 300 students in a small town in Colombia. It was a challenging change mainly because of the language barrier. I had never faced an environment that required me to speak only English. The first few days at Waterford were full of nervousness and excitement, where everything was completely new, but after a couple of weeks on campus I was already adapting to the academic rhythm and hostel life. Like everyone else, the pandemic forced the closure of the school and took the students back home. I spent several months at home taking online classes and due to the 7 hours difference between Colombia and eSwatini, my energy and motivation was disappearing.

When I returned to the Waterford campus for my second year of IB, everything looked so familiar and the excitement of seeing my friends was high. Despite being jet-lagged, having long academic days and getting used to cafeteria food again, I was happy to be back.



However, this year brought incredible challenges.TOK, completing CAS reflections, writing a lot of essays and learning from scratch syllabus content for exams was a huge demand of time and energy and was difficult to accomplish.

My experience over the past two years has been a roller coaster of emotions, that has had its ups and downs which have allowed me to see different world views and grow as an individual. All of this being possible thanks to the friendships that I have formed and that I will cherish forever, people who have enriched my heart with joy and who have been my unconditional support in this crazy adventure.

I am honored to have lived my time at UWC in Waterford, where the cancellation of events, strange weather changes, beautiful sunsets, screening, the rare anecdotes in hostel and above all the union of a group that was always ready to laugh or give a hug created memories that I will keep in mind for the rest of my life.









### Your time at a UWC school is only the beginning.

The UWC mission isn't just for UWC students - it's a lifelong opportunity to be part of a global network and to pass on the experiences, ideas and perspectives from your time at UWC to future students and the wider world.

The UWC movement is driven by, and thrives on, the contribution of its community members. From introducing young people to UWC to allowing them to access UWC through scholarships, our supporters and volunteers make UWC possible.

That's why it is so important to join your co-years across the globe in signing the UWC Pledge. Big or small, passing on your future time, treasure and talent to the UWC movement will allow UWC to continue sharing, and enhancing, the experiences that you have gained at your UWC school with future generations to come.

Please select at least one option from each of the three columns below to indicate what your UWC Pledge will look like.

Let's pass it on.

**UWC** school

Pass on your time	Pass on your treasure	Pass on your talent
Volunteer for and support the national committee from your home country or	Over 80% of national committee selected students receive scholarships. To make this possible, UWC must raise at least	Become a mentor for UWC students and/or alumni
country of residence	\$60,000,000 USD every year. To continue passing on the UWC	Facilitate or lead a UWC short course
Country Share your feedback	experience to more people from diverse backgrounds, the	Start your own UWCx initiative.
on how to enhance the UWC experience for	contributions of our community members are crucial.  I will donate per	Organise a UWC day event
future students	I will donate per month	Return to your UWC
Share your alumni stories with your UWC school	I will donate per year	school as a guest speaker
Return to your old school to spread the	I will organise a fundraiser for my UWC school	I would like to learn more about how I can pass on my talent to
word about UWC  Volunteer for your	I will organise a fundraiser for my national committee	UWC in 6 months time

	Day event  Become a host for  UWC students during the holidays	time  Give your treasure in another way - please provide further details here:	provide further details here:
k C	Host a student or provide support organising a placement for your UWC School's Project Week		
i i	Support your school with the UWC Pledge initiative by sharing your perspective on the UWC Pledge as an alum		
U r	I would like to learn more about how I can pass on my time to UWC in 6 months time		
	Give your time in another way - please provide further details here:		
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## Alumni Avenue

Initiated in 2016, Alumni Avenue is a legacy project that is aimed at honoring alumni who donate to the College. The "avenue" bricks are placed along the front wall of the "The Tony Hatton" library on the College campus.

The Avenue is made up of glass bricks, (made locally by Ngwenya Glass, using recycled glass) which are engraved with messages the alumnus wants on it. Many have opted to have their names, the year(s) at WK , or a short message engraved on their bricks.





Waterford Kamhlaba has the pleasure to give you an opportunity to leave a legacy on campus through our Alumni Avenue project. With a minimum donation of ZAR1500, £80, \$101, €92, we will place a glass brick with your name engraved on it in the Alumni Avenue. After you leave the Waterford campus, you can always look back with pride, knowing that your name is on the Alumni Avenue Wall.

Please direct communications regarding the Alumni Avenue to the Alumni Engagement Officer <engagement@wterford.sz> in the Advancement Office.



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