

SOUTH AFRICAN RHODES SCHOLARS 2017



Fuaad Coovadia (South Africa-at-Large, 2017)

Current place of residence: Johannesburg

University: University of Cape Town

Current/recent course: BBusSci Economics

Other information: Fuaad Coovadia has recently completed a Bachelor of Business Science, majoring in Economics at the University of Cape Town (UCT). His passion for economics can be seen in his authoring of a Microeconomics study guide for undergraduate students. Following this, he cofounded Presto - a publishing company that specialises in providing educational materials such as study guides for university and high school students. During his time at UCT, he has also served as the head student of the residence Smuts Hall and has worked as a consultant for the small enterprise development NGO Phaphama. While at Oxford, Fuaad intends to pursue his interests in Economics with a special focus on labour economics and the proliferation of economic knowledge to non-economists.



Abigail Branford (South Africa-at-Large, 2017)

Current Place of residence: Cambridge, United Kingdom

University: University of Cape Town

Most recent course: Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Justice and Transformation

Other information: Abigail Branford completed her undergraduate at Rhodes University, receiving a triple distinction in History, Politics and Linguistics. There she began innovative work on gender education in high schools, facilitating workshops that allow learners to interrogate the social world around them. A deep interest in how we confront painful histories led her to specialise in transitional justice at the University of Cape Town as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. After graduating, she took to documentary film with twospinningwheels productions to learn new ways of sharing ideas. She is currently studying towards an MPhil in Education, Globalisation and International Development at Cambridge University and looks forward to her next degree in African Studies at Oxford. She enjoys debating in competitive tournaments and in pubs.



Sizwe Mkwanazi (South Africa-at-Large, 2017)

Current Place of Residence: Soweto, Johannesburg

University: University of Johannesburg

Recent Course: Master of Technology Degree in Operations Management

Other Information: Sizwe Mkwanazi is currently a Junior Lecturer at the University of Johannesburg and a Co-faculty Advisor for Enactus. He had been involved in community development through various initiatives. Amongst those initiatives was the founding of the Youth For Action Rural Youth Development Foundation in 2011 and working on Community Service Learning with Co-operatives in Soweto under Enactus. He has published conference papers on the theme of Co-operatives Operational Performance and Entrepreneurship. In future he hopes to work with the International Cooperatives Alliance in promotion of production and community based cooperatives globally. When in Oxford Sizwe plans to pursue Management Studies.

**Saul Musker (South Africa-at-Large, 2017)**

Current place of residence: Johannesburg

University: University of the Witwatersrand

Current/recent course: BA (Hons) International Relations

Other information: Saul Musker completed his BA (cum laude) at the University of the Witwatersrand. His Honours thesis focused on regional migration in Southern Africa, and the experiences of migrants and asylum-seekers in inner city Johannesburg. In 2016 he co-authored a book on the limits of liberal constitutionalism in South Africa with Professor Stuart Woolman of the University of the Witwatersrand and Columbia University Law Schools. He is a columnist at The Daily Maverick, a South African news and analysis publication, and his first novel, No Word Like Home, was shortlisted for the 2016 Dinaane Award for Debut Fiction. In his spare time, Saul is a debater, a compulsive reader of fiction, a long-distance swimmer and a triathlete. At Oxford, he intends to pursue a Master of Public Policy (MPP).

**Keitumetse-Kabelo Murray (South Africa-at-Large, 2017)**

Current Place of Residence: Johannesburg, South Africa

University: University of the Witwatersrand

Recent Course: BA Honours International Relations

Other information: Keitumetse-Kabelo Murray completed an Honours in International Relations, cum laude, at the University of the Witwatersrand. Throughout his time at WITS he served on the Student Representative Council as the Social and Community Development Officer. Whilst on SRC, he focused on tackling food insecurity on campus, a passion which then developed into his field of research. Situated in Joubert Park, his research tackled issues of poverty, inequality and food insecurity. His love for theatre and film resulted in his participation in various plays and film projects as well as the foundation (in conjunction with friends) of the WITS Film Society. He is an avid sportsman and has rowed for his University first team and played basketball in seconds. He is a third generation Rhodes Scholar and hopes to continue his studies with an MPhil in International Relations at Oxford.

**Mbalenhle Matandela (South Africa-at-Large, 2017)**

Current Place of Residence: Johannesburg, South Africa

University: University of Cape Town

Recent Course: BSc Hons in Gender and Transformation

Other Information: Mbalenhle Matandela is currently the Project Coordinator of the Right2Protest Project, which is a coalition project based at the Centre for Applied Legal Studies (CALS) at the University of the Witwatersrand. Mbalenhle received her Bachelor of Social Sciences honours degree in Gender and Transformation from the University of Cape Town. Her honours thesis focused on black women's experiences in the #RhodesMustFall Movement. Mbalenhle also received her Bachelor of Social Science degree in International Relations, Gender Studies and Business French with a Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship at the University of Cape Town. At Oxford, Mbalenhle intends to pursue an MPhil in Development Studies where she will continue to study the relationship between gender and the politics of development in Africa.



Joshua Nott (South Africa-at-Large, 2017)

Current Place of Residence: Johannesburg, South Africa

University: University of Cape Town

Recent Course: Bachelor of Social Science

Other information: Joshua Nott is a young South African, dedicated to South Africa's Constitutional imperatives. He is a graduate from the University of Cape Town with a Bachelor of Social Science with distinction in Political Studies. He has recently finished his LLB. Joshua is keenly interested in social justice and has pioneered a number of workers' rights and student focused initiatives. On the professional front, Joshua has worked for international and domestic think tanks, including; the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and the Institute for African Alternatives (IFAA). Joshua hopes to read for his Bachelor of Civil Law at Oxford University and thereafter return to South Africa in order to pursue a career in the public sector.