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Warm greetings to all Abe Bailey Fellows across the globe. It is a real pleasure to be in touch with you, and especially as the travel bursary tour resumes once again.

Brian Figaji, Chairman of The Abe Bailey Trust, writes: *"The upcoming 2022 tour to the United Kingdom heralds our post-covid start to this important activity for the Trust and for South Africa. It was with great sadness that we had to make the decision twice to cancel the tour in the interest of all those involved but also as a result of the travel restrictions in place at the time. It is with joy and excitement that we welcome the 2022 travel bursars who have been selected and are in the process of finalising all the requirements for participation in the tour.*



Keith Richardson, our tour leader, has made a few refinements to the programme which we hope will improve the flow of the activities. We also have very good support from the new team at Goodenough College in London and they are looking forward to dealing with their first tour contingent.

As part of a programme of capacitating our people the Trust has agreed to ask our administrator, Lynnsay Jones, to accompany the group in order to support Keith and consolidate our relationship with the new staff at Goodenough College. The trustees hope that this 'new' start will be enthusiastically embraced by all."

1 THE ABES OF 2022

Congratulations to the new Abe Bailey Bursars whom we welcome into our Fellowship of over 950 Fellows. From 20 of the 25 residential universities, 56 nominations were submitted to the Trust, who selected 18 Travel Bursars from 18 universities. They are:

CAPE TOWN (UCT)

Ms Abigail Tshiamala is reading for the B.Com. Economics with Law degree. She is Deputy General Secretary of the SRC and a UCT Senate Executive member and serves as Secretary General of the Model UNO committee. She took part in the World Debating and Public Speaking Championships. She runs workshops and legal clinics in townships and founded a free lockdown tutoring service for matriculants during Covid lockdown.

DURBAN (DUT)

Dr Keiron Boosi obtained the B.Tech. Chiropractic degree and presently is studying for the M.Tech. degree. She represented DUT at the World Congress of Chiropractic Students and subsequently hosted a similar African regional event and served as the African regional co-ordinator. She is a tutor and mentor to junior students.

FREE STATE (UFS)

Ms Lisa Msiza is reading for a B.A. degree. She serves on the executive committee of the Central SRC and on her Residence Committee. She volunteers as a helper at a School for the Deaf, a Wildlife Hospital and at Paw R Us.

FORT HARE (UFH)

Mr Luxolo Tomsana is reading for the LLB degree. He took part in the Junior Moot Court and was a semi-finalist in the Kate O'Regan Moot and FDI Moot. He tutors 1st year students and participates in the community-focused Enactus.

JOHANNESBURG (UJ)

Ms Samkelisiwe Temba is studying for a B.Sc. degree in Mathematical Sciences. She is a member of the Golden Key International Honour Society and the Ujenius Club, and serves as a Women4Girls mentor.

KWAZULU-NATAL (UKZN)

Ms Humairaa Moosa is pursuing a B.Com. Accounting degree. Named Top Overall Achiever by SA Institute of Chartered

Accountants, she also gained the Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages *with distinction*. She created an academic tutoring service for over 300 students during the pandemic, and is a course tutor. She was selected for the Lead to Inspire Programme, and worked with UNICEF SA in a national programme to develop youth.

LIMPOPO (UL)

Ms Sekedi Mabatha is studying for the M.Agric.Man. degree having gained her bachelor and honours degree in this discipline. She tutors and mentors adult and youth learners.

MPUMALANGA (UM)

Ms Precious Mamogobo is reading for the B.A. degree, and was named the best 1st year student. She is a tutor, a volunteer at Enactus and co-founded the UMP Drama Society. An LLB mentor, she also founded and directs the Ambassador of Positivity venture engaging with high school learners.

NELSON MANDELA (NMU)

Mr Luke Rudman gained his Bachelor of Visual Arts degree *cum laude*, and is studying for the B.V.A. Honours degree in Fine Art Painting. He was selected for the Design Indaba Emerging Creates Acceleration Programme. He did a Poster presentation in the Netherlands and co-presented a paper in The Hague. He co-authored a publication on "*Plastic Waste as performance art...*" He is involved with Greenpeace Africa and was selected as a contributor to the Alternate Future Project

NORTH-WEST (NWU)

Mr Ivan Beck obtained the B.Sc. Actuarial Science degree and is pursuing an Honours degree in Quantitative Risk Management. A member of the University's Institutional Forum and the SRC, he served as SCC: Fundraising and Rag Officer, and on PracRAG, AKSA and Arts Committees. He participates in NWU Socio-economic training.

PRETORIA (UP)

Ms Tiara Joseph is reading for the LLB degree. She is a member of the Golden Key International Honour Society. Her team gained 3rd place in the International Moot Competition and 1st place in the East Africa Pre-moot competition. She participated in a New York University Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human development event. She does *pro bono* legal work and is a peer-mentor.

RHODES (RU)

Ms Jesse Ferguson obtained her B.A. *with distinction and academic honours*, the Postgraduate Certificate in Education and the TESOL certificate *with distinction*, and is reading for the Honours degree in Philosophy. She is a university and high school tutor and a special needs assistant at a high school, and a youth leader in her church.

SEFAKO MAKGATHO HEALTH SCIENCES (SMHSU)

Mr Ntebo Xaba is studying for the MB.ChB. degree. He is a member of the Golden Key International Honour Society. He serves on his Residence House Committee, as Secretary of ACTS SMU and is a mentor of students.

STELLENBOSCH (US)

Mr Vhudi Ravhutsi is studying for the MB.ChB. degree. He is an Executive member of the Stellenbosch SRC, chairperson of the Tygerberg SRC, and a member of his House Management Team. He tutored 1st year medical students.

VENDA (UV)

Mr Donald Mukwevho gained his LLB and is reading for an LLM in Human Rights. He serves as Deputy Chairperson of the Postgraduate Committee and was Deputy Chairperson of the Law Students' Council. He is a tutor and peer educator, and participated in Moot Court and Mock trials. He did community outreach in legal matters among farmers and in a local village.

WALTER SISULU (WSU)

Ms Aluncedo Zikhali gained the Advanced Diploma in Public Management, the B.Admin. degree and the B.Admin. Honours degree, and is reading for the Master's degree in Public Administration. She served as the Policy and Transformation Officer of the Commerce and Administration Students' Society. She assists students with academic writing skills.

WITWATERSRAND (WITS)

Ms Karabo Asala is studying for the B.Sc. Nursing degree. She is Deputy Chairperson of the Health Sciences Students' Faculty Council and Chairperson of the Nursing Student Council She serves on a sub-committee of the SRC, and as Treasurer of her House Committee. She is a peer tutor and Residence Academic Advisor.

ZULULAND (UZ)

Ms Thelile Nene has gained the B.Com. and the B.Com. Honours degrees both *with distinction*, and the Master's degree in

Economics with *merit*. She is studying for a doctor's degree in Commerce. She is an assistant lecturer in Commerce, and tutors students. She published her research and presented at the MBALI Conference, and took part in a community engagement project.

2. ALICE WALPOLE, DIRECTOR OF GOODENOUGH COLLEGE WELCOMES THE 2022 BURSARS



"I should like to congratulate the 2022 Abe Bailey Trust travel bursary recipients most warmly on being selected for this splendid programme. I know that you were chosen on the basis of your academic abilities as well as your exceptional qualities of leadership and service and that is a considerable achievement!"

The friendship between Goodenough College and the Abe Bailey Trust goes back over 70 years, with Abe Bailey bursars visiting both the College and its Scottish estate, The Burn, during their trip to the UK and enjoying their engagement with our students (we call them 'Members'). I am delighted that, despite a brief hiatus during the coronavirus pandemic, our links continue to flourish. We look forward to resuming the annual visit of the Abe Bailey Travel Bursars later this year as a highlight of the Goodenough calendar.

As you, the new cohort, prepare to embark on your busy programme this coming November, I extend my best wishes and hope that you all will take full advantage of the opportunities before you. Goodenough College stands ready to welcome you."

3. SIR ABE BAILEY

Abe Bailey was born in Cradock, Cape Colony, in 1864. From a modest background, by 1894, he had become the head of the Bailey Group of gold mines and was fast establishing himself as one of the main mining magnates on the Witwatersrand. Through his association with Cecil John Rhodes, he was able to acquire substantial property in the former Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), and was therefore relatively wealthy by the age of 30. Rhodes' influence on Bailey led to his involvement in the Jameson Raid, for which he had to pay a heavy fine. Bailey went on to participate in South African politics and upon Rhodes' death in 1902, served as his replacement in Parliament. In 1908, he represented Krugersdorp in the first Transvaal Parliamentary elections and was later known for his ability to facilitate negotiations between opposing political groups. Bailey was also active in British politics and was awarded with an order of honour for services rendered during World War One. In 1929, Bailey was diagnosed with thrombosis, and both his legs were amputated by 1938. On 10th August 1940 he died and was buried in the hills of Muizenberg.

[Uploaded on social media on the anniversary of his death by Louis van Pletzen (OFS 1985).

Thank you, Louis.]



4. THE 'NEW-LOOK' 2022 TRAVEL BURSARY TOUR - A PREVIEW FROM TOUR MANAGER, KEITH RICHARDSON



With many Old Abes taking the time and trouble to return the Questionnaire last year, a number of ideas came to the fore which will be seen in the organisation of the upcoming tour:

Firstly, we have managed to save a number of days by re-thinking the transport arrangements up to Scotland. By taking a sleeper train to Edinburgh saves a day on the coach as well as giving the Bursars the chance to experience overnight train travel. We have opted not to return to London after The Burn but to fly home on Air Emirates from Glasgow. This will save a day on the train back to London, as well as two days of 'dead' time at the end of the tour.

We have put this time to good use with an extra day in London, and three extra days in Scotland. One of these will be spent in Edinburgh and another at St Andrews where the university staff have gone the extra mile in preparing an exciting academic programme for the Bursars. I fully expect to see many Abes in tartan in the years ahead as they do post-graduate degrees at the home of golf! Past Bursars will no doubt be green with envy when they hear that this year's group will also have an extra day at The Burn.

The other big change is to involve the Bursars in the planning of the itinerary. While the skeleton of the trip remains the same, the Bursars are currently busy researching where to go, what to see and whom to meet. All of them are required to provide pre-tour reading, including YouTube videos, and will be totally responsible for preparing the party in advance with what to expect wherever we go. They will lead the discussions before we venture out every day with a debriefing afterwards. In London, the new Director of Goodenough College, Alice Walpole, has kindly made a room available for our use to conduct these briefings.

An example of what we are doing, is that one of the Bursars, *Mai Moosa*, suggested a 'Windrush' Day to me. The *Windrush* was the first Jamaican boat to land at the Port of Tilbury near London in 1947 after the War. As Britain was suffering from a labour shortage at that time, this group went on to play a vital role in the reconstruction of the UK economy - and, as an aside, English cricket! Now the UK Government is proposing to send the descendants of the 'Windrush Generation' back to a country which many of them have never seen before. Mai Moosa, herself a Natalian of Indian extraction, identifies with this story and is busy organising a day trip to Tilbury, chatting to experts on the topic, visiting museums and sites, and returning via Waterloo Station to see the statue to the *Windrush Generation* which Queen Elizabeth unveiled last year.

I am truly excited and invigorated with what is being planned. The 2022 Abe Bailey Bursars are in for a treat.

5. FROM TIAAN OOSTHUIZEN (TUT 2014), JUNE 2022



Having read in the national press about a new solar electric vehicle, I was fascinated to note that the prime mover behind this project was an Old Abe! I invited Tiaan to send us a brief account of this remarkable development:

"The Tshwane University of Technology had been involved in solar electric prototype car development since 2014. I have been with the team since 2015 and since 2017 the lead engineer and project director. TUT has produced four single seating versions to date, the newest called SunChaser 4 (SC4). Every prototype aims to improve on the previous by focusing on four primary technology areas namely weight reduction, friction reduction, aerodynamic drag reduction and efficient electrical to traction energy conversions. The car is made

almost entirely from carbon fibre and aircraft grade aluminium for the suspension parts and ceramic bearings to minimise wheel friction. The body has been designed to cut through the air like an airplane to minimise aerodynamic drag which conserves energy. The car has a state-of-the-art 1kw solar array which is super-efficient while practically eliminating all mechanical traction losses by housing the traction motor inside one of the one rear wheels of the car. Many of the electronic systems and almost all the mechanical components have been designed and manufactured by TUT. SC4 has a mass of 200kg with a top speed of 125kmh. It has a driving range with full sun on flat roads (doing 80kmh) of 800km and a driving range with full cloud cover of around 450km. A short video of SC4: <https://fb.watch/dUj8r3uDs6/>

During January 2022, I took my team on a road trip, driving SC4 on national highways from Pretoria to Swakopmund (Namibia) covering 2153km, only powered by the sun! No Eskom power nor any battery energy was used during the entire trip. The car performed so well and stirred such a media hype that the team was commended for our efforts during the National Assembly on 15 March 2022 Watch the road-trip summary video: <https://fb.watch/dUiTcZbYG7/> Project funding often originates from the UK (Royal Academy of Engineering) and from local SETAs in South Africa. Our goal with the project is to design renewable technologies to work for Africans, in Africa with a strong emphasis on youth exposure and community engagement. We are currently designing a multi-seater solar powered car and I hope that this will inspire other Africans to take the future into their own hands and be the difference they want to see!"



6. NEWS FROM THE 1972 ABES ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR TOUR - THE "HALF-CENTURIANS"

ALWYN MARX (RAU): It is hard to believe that 50 years have passed since the tour. It feels like recently that we boarded the SA Vaal in Cape Town for a memorable voyage. The tour was an experience that will never be forgotten. Every moment was interesting and exciting. Having the knowledgeable Major Badcock as our tour guide made things even more exciting. I enjoyed visiting the cathedrals and old buildings. The visit to the theatres and our visit to Westminster Parliament stand out as highlights. The visit to The Burn in Scotland in cold, wet weather was also a highlight. I had the pleasure of spending Christmas with Judge Green and his family in Wales. What lovely hosts. Our trip to Cambridge University was enjoyable. After the tour I completed my LLB and my LLM and spent most of my life practising law in Johannesburg. For some time I served as a member of the Gauteng Legislature. I now live a peaceful life in Cape Town. I hope we will all meet at the farewell dinner in November.

JAPIE ENGELBRECHT (UPE): I have the photograph of the 1972 Abes, and scanned it some time ago to use in my autobiography. Every time I look at the photograph, I remember the wonderful, unforgettable experience. Though with some sadness these days, as my wife Suzanne passed away in 2020. To this day I see her lonely figure on the wharf as we set off. More so since we had to delay our wedding so that I could visit England as an Abe.

We were young, excited, and nervous of what awaited us. But what an experience!! I was most impressed with the way the history of England was maintained and explained by our guide. It opened my eyes and mind to the difference between what was considered "normal" in South Africa, and the rest of the world. Somewhat trying was the meeting with students from various universities and

explaining the South African situation at the time. We were a little disappointed with the visit to Scotland. When I did visit Edinburgh, I was at least able to buy the tartan of my ancestors' clan, namely MacPherson! We were so full of energy and plans, and now we are all moving towards the end of the road. Thanks a million for the wonderful job you are doing of keeping the Abes in contact with each other! It is an annual reminder of that extreme privilege I had so many years ago! I will attend the meal at the end of the year, and meet up in person with other Abes of 1972. I am sure we will reminisce a lot that evening!

JASPER STEYN (UP): So many fond memories return as I recollect our shared experiences of 50 years ago. The waving families on the quay as the SA Vaal left Cape Town harbour; the small boats around the ship in Las Palmas; meeting Major Badcock, our highly respected and knowledgeable guide and Bernie, our ever cheerful bus driver, always amazing us by so skilfully negotiating impossibly narrow medieval alleys; the hallowed halls of Cambridge and Oxford universities; radical speeches in Hyde Park; the hospitality of the families hosting us for Christmas; the thrill of hitting a ball on St Andrew's golf course...Shortly afterwards I married Tobia, a colleague in Mathematics and Mathematics Education. I also undertook research at the Uranium Enrichment Corporation. On completing my Doctoral degree in 1982, I joined the University of Pretoria as Professor of Mechanical Engineering. I also became director and part time manager in a private campus company, the Laboratory for Advanced Engineering, which was later acquired by the University to deploy in more disciplines. In 1990 I was elected President of the South African Institution of Mechanical Engineering. The momentous 9/11 year of 2001 I spent at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a Sloan Visiting Fellow, with the added privilege that my son was there studying for his Master's degree. In 2002 I was seconded part-time as Manager of Government Programmes at the Automotive Industry Development Centre. I also transferred to the Department of Engineering and Technology Management at UP. I retired from the University in 2014, becoming Professor Emeritus and from the AIDC in 2021. Tobia and I now enjoy active retirement and visiting our children and grandchildren in the USA and Australia.

EDWIN HERTZOG (US): It was really pleasant to look at our photograph of 1972 and to remember that "one of a kind", long and special holiday that we had together! John asked for a pertinent memory or two of the trip: for me it was certainly educational in many aspects. However, I think I am going to disappoint him by stating that I found the interesting and stimulating company of our group the most memorable ... and then on the less positive side was the UK winter weather and also too many visits to cathedrals and art galleries to my liking! I practised as an anaesthesiologist for 3 years in the Cape Town environment and then spent the rest of my career in the business world by starting up and being chairman of the private hospital company Mediclinic International. Along the line I was also chairman of the Council of Stellenbosch university. But I am now also on that much more relaxed part of life's road. Kind regards to everyone.



1972 ABES ON BOARD S.A. VAAL EN ROUTE TO THE UK

TONY SIOPIS (RHODES): After I returned from the Abe tour in 1973, I was admitted as an advocate to the Bar in Grahamstown. I practised there until September 1974 - when I went to Oxford University on a scholarship - incidentally I travelled to Oxford with **Willem Landman (US)**, my London House roommate on the tour. After finishing at Oxford in 1977, I joined the firm, Baker McKenzie in London and practised there for 4 years. In 1982 I took up a lecturing position in law at the University of Western Australia in Perth, where I have lived ever since. I joined the law firm, Parker and Parker, and was a partner there until 1995. I then joined the Western Australian Bar and became a Senior Counsel. In 2005 I was appointed as a justice of the Federal Court of Australia. In 2018 I retired from the Court having reached the compulsory retirement age of 70. In retirement I served as the Judge in Residence and honorary fellow at the University of Western Australia. I also spend some of my time taking photographs - but I am not half as good as **Willem Landman (US)**, who is superb.

KOBUS V D WALT (PUCHO): Thank you for your regular newsletters. Reading them these past years was almost a formality remembering a wonderful tour 50 years ago. But all the letters of the past few days of my fellow 1972 Abes, and your invitation to

share some memories awake in me the feeling that our tour was not way back in the past. Some highlights in my memory are: Our boat trip on the SA Vaal and partaking in all the competitions; the invitation to dine with the captain and enjoying for the first time a bottle of KWV Roodeberg; the professional style and knowledge of Major Badcock our guide; the hospitality of London House; a music night in the Royal Albert Hall; a Christmas weekend with a family on a beautiful farm, our train trip to Scotland and experiencing The Burn guesthouse; a rugby test at Twickenham...I have enjoyed the pleasure of church ministry for 40 years. Marié and I served in 3 churches - George, Potchefstroom and Bloemfontein. The longest period was 27 years as the minister of a student congregation in Potchefstroom. We enjoy good health and our home in Potch. Good wishes and kind regards to all of you.

WILLEM LANDMAN (US): I have so many fond memories of our Abe Bailey trip: the voyage on the SA Vaal; the massive storm in the Bay of Biscay when virtually everyone on board became sea sick - I had to have an injection by the ship's doctor; the first time I saw a television set and watched television; the hair styles and dress codes of the 60s generation in London; the Asian refugees from Idi Amin's Uganda; our Abes' arguments about O Calcutta!, uncensored movies, the self-deprecating humour of the British; seeing Sir Ralph Richardson in *Lloyd George Knew My Father*; the amazing knowledge of Major Badcock (who could remember **Michiel le Roux (US 1971)** from the previous Abes trip - he evidently made an impression on the major!); The Burn in Scotland; staying with the Massey family (of tractor fame) over Christmas; and, on the return trip, the opportunity to see Amsterdam and Rome. Currently I serve as Professor Extraordinaire in Philosophy at the University of Stellenbosch and as a member of the executive of *DignitySA*, an NGO that seeks to decriminalise assisted dying. I took up a Professorship of Medical Ethics at the University of North Carolina in the USA in 1994 and returned to South Africa in 2000 to become the founding CEO of The Ethics Institute

BRIAN NICHOLSON (WITS): The Travel Bursary tour seems like 5 years ago, not 50! How time has flown! After returning from the UK, I worked as an apprentice millwright & welder at Scaw Metals for 2 years and then was mercifully awarded a scholarship by SAR&H to complete my engineering qualification in Mech. Eng. at UND. There I met **Bill Pierce (NATAL 1973)**, also an Abe but one of good standing!! My interest in aviation nearly steered me towards becoming an airline pilot but instead I settled to remain in engineering while moonlighting as a "bush pilot" as an instrument-rated, commercial pilot. This I stopped in 1983 when I married Glenda, a physio from Wits. My employment record included SAR & SAA for my scholarship undertaking, then Dorbyl Metal Pressings as Engineering Manager and next at Technical and Management Services on the Nuclear Fuel Project at Valindaba. I then joined the Engineering Group of Eskom during those ambitious years of Fossil Fuel Power Stations & Koeberg construction, taking early retirement at the age of 50. I left engineering and joined SAP Consultancy Spearhead and very quickly needed to learn how to switch on a computer! I set up a Call Centre to support users from over ten different companies. After 3 years there I joined the Italtile Group, one of Spearhead's clients, and ran the SAP Helpdesk for Italtile & Ceramic Industries users. Then a further 8 years giving SAP Induction Training to new management and sales reps, until COVID hit and Glenda and I decided to enjoy our retirement as new grandparents.

7. SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES

We share the sad news received about the deaths of these Fellows, some of whom passed away in earlier years: **F W De Klerk (PUCHO 1958)**, **Allan Powell (UCT 1959)**, **S J Naude (OVS 1961)**, **Graeme Hart (WITS 1962)**, **P A L Bester (OVS 1978)**, and **Pierre van der Spuy (US 1989)**.

8. NEWS FROM OTHER ABES AROUND THE GLOBE

Rob Parker (UN 1959) wrote at the end of last year: *"So good of you to keep up the good work with the Fellowship and the production of the Newsletter of which I must say the current one is by far the most interesting one yet. It is really sad that once again there will be no tour this year and hopefully the 2022 tour will be able to go ahead as will future tours."* We are delighted Rob that the tour programme starts again this year. **Richard Goldstone (Wits 1960)** echoed disappointment at the cancelled tours: *"Many thanks for another interesting and enjoyable newsletter. It is sad but hardly surprising that the 2021 tour has had to be cancelled."*

Sir Jeffrey Jowell KCMG QC is a practising barrister in London specialising in public law. He is Emeritus Professor of Public Law at University College London where he was Dean of the Law Faculty and a Vice Provost. **Jeffrey Jowell (UCT 1960)** renewed contact and reminded that we were contemporaries at UCT: *"Are you the John Gibbon of UCT in about 1960?"*

Best wishes and thanks." Indeed so, Jeffrey, and delighted to learn of your illustrious career. From **Clive Rosendorff (Wits 1961)** in New York, with an address update: *"Thank you so much for keeping the Contact List going - much appreciated."*

A poignant letter from **Ian Strickland's (UCT 1961)** wife Hilary in the UK: *"Thank you as always for your Newsletter which I always read avidly. Although I was not the Abe, I always felt connected to the Fellowship through Ian and his pride and interest in having been an Abe, and our having met each other as a result of his being in the UK after the travel of his year. It's all Sir Abe's fault! I am sad to tell you that as from December last year Ian has been in a local Care Home with Alzheimers dementia. Ian was so proud of being an Abe and so appreciative of all he gained from his Fellowship, both the travel and the experiences and the friends. He often spoke of his tour. He also appreciated his ongoing contact with you and marvelled at your dedication to the Fellowship."* From **Mike Raath (Rhodes 1963)**: *"What an interesting and informative newsletter! Thank you so much. The Trust certainly is in good shape, and under great leadership. Best wishes,"* and again: *"Thank you for your latest informative missive. Most interesting to read what has been*

happening and who is celebrating an Abe Tour decadal anniversary!"

Most interesting insights from **John Frye (Rhodes 1964)**: *"Thank you so much for the newsletter. It really is a huge achievement in keeping a loose community going, and an example to all who want to keep alive friends and achievements of the past. I think Keith's work with the survey helps us to see and feel what is happening in our beloved South Africa. The Abe Bailey Travel Fellowship broke me out of a cocoon and into a wider, more spacious world. It is so good to be in touch with so many 'new South Africans' through the Fellowship and the Fellowship Newsletter. I have a memory of being at the same event at the Queenstown showgrounds as the young Thabo Mbeki, who is my age. We were on different sides of the fence: my father was mayor at the time and we were celebrating 1652 and all that, with lots of speeches and cloaks and gowns. Thabo and his cousin were curious but were excluded - how the world has changed. A link with Sir Abe is that his father, Thomas, arrived in Queenstown in 1862 and opened a business. He was later mayor of the town, and then parliamentary representative for the district for many years. The business he opened is still going strong, Thomas Bailey & Co, in Cathcart Road. My late father, G C Frye, worked for the firm towards the end of his life."* Fascinating insights John-thank you for sharing this background and your perceptions.

Boet Coetzee (Natal 1967) made a helpful suggestion: *"Many thanks for the most recent Fellowship List you sent us. Maintaining such a list is no easy task and we salute you for doing so. You asked for comment on removing the postal addresses where email addresses exist. I can't see any major problem with this. The only thing we would lose by doing so would be the location of a fellow Abe. In that case, might it be an idea to retain the town/city of residence, with the country if it is not in South Africa. Just a thought! The possibility of things for the Fellowship returning to 'normal' by receiving the green light for the end of the year Tour, is good news indeed. We would love the new generation to experience the benefits of the Tour that remain with us to this day."* Spot on Boet - if and when we change the format we'll certainly indicate where bursars live outside South Africa.

Co-incidentally the similar idea came from **Roger Crawford (Natal 1968)**: *"Thank you for the comprehensive FELLOWSHIP CONTACT LIST which I enjoy scanning. I agree that postal or physical addresses are not necessary but I do hope there will be reference to where the Abe Bailey Fellow resides. For example Peter J Fellows, Phoenix, Arizona, USA, followed by the email address. It pleases me immensely that there will be a Fellowship tour at the end of this year. My wife and I are planning a SA road trip later in the year and if we are in the vicinity of Cape Town we will make every effort to attend the 2022 farewell dinner."* Thanks Roger. We certainly hope to have you at the dinner.

Rex van Olst (Wits 1969) wrote: *"Thank you for this year's Abe Newsletter. I found the results of the Survey especially interesting. Thank you for sharing. Although it was 52 years ago that I was privileged to be an Abe Bailey scholar, I note that the more aspects of the tour change, the more they stay the same! Please keep up the good work, as the objectives of the tour are so important to South Africa today."* From the same tour year, **Tony Frost (Natal)**: *"As always, many thanks for your newsy newsletter. I love receiving them and hearing about the global family of Abes. Since our 1969 get-together in Newlands our group stays in relative regular contact with each other and look forward to gathering again sometime soon. Take care and many thanks for all you do."*

Adam Klein (1973 Wits) wrote: *"I am so pleased that the tour is back in action for this year. This scholarship is a true 'national treasure.' My 49th year anniversary! That makes me sound old! But not really - too much still to do. My warm regards and best wishes for the upcoming year and tour."* **Bill Pierce (Natal 1973)** shared his news: *"What a joy it always is to receive your newsletter! Many thanks indeed! Such a pity that Covid has placed such restrictions on so much - particularly the Abe tour of course! Just a brief update from my side: I left the corporate world (I refuse to use the word "retire", I call it a "new career!") in 2012 and have been doing a mix of lecturing at Wits (main campus and the Business school), business coaching (I qualified as a Business Coach in 2007!) and on-site mentoring over the last 8-9 years. This "work" has been combined with local travel (extensive trips through Botswana, the Northern Cape, Eastern Transvaal, etc.) and some international travel, visiting friends and family in the UK and the USA, time with friends, playing a good deal of bridge as well as some golf! In short, staying active and busy! My wife has made sure that I stay reasonably fit by us having daily brisk early morning walks of a few kilometres! I am blessed with two amazing children who are both well- my daughter is married and has settled in the UK doing teaching, my son is engaged and, being an environmentalist, does great work with an organisation called "Food and Trees for Africa". I live close to OR Tambo airport so can easily spend some time with anyone travelling through, or visiting, Johannesburg!"* **Fika van Rensburg (PUCHO 1973)** wrote: *"Thank you so much for updating, compiling, and sending the members' list. I noticed that you do not have the e-mail address of **Douw Breed (PUCHO 1978)**."* Grateful for his contact details, Fika.

Pieter Mulder (PUCHO 1974) wrote: *"Thank you for the newsletter. Always interesting to read about other Abe Bailey Fellows. The pictures are a bonus. I understand your argument from an administrative side to condense the list by including only the e-mail address. I prefer the full postal address. It is my only way to keep up where in the world all the Abe Fellows I know, are at present. After 30 years in Parliament and five years as a Deputy Minister I retired from Parliament and now am writing books, acting as a History tour guide and doing some political articles and comments.*

It would be interesting to know of other family connections between Abe Bailey Fellows. I was an Abe, part of the 1974 group. My eldest daughter Heleen was from PUCHO and part of the 2001 group, and my second daughter Suzanne in the 2002 group from UOVS." Appreciate your feedback on the Contact List format, Pieter. Thanks. I think your family Abe threesome is unique, but there

are other Abe twosome families with parent/child or sibling relationships. [e.g. see 1988 and 1993 entries below]



Reading about a book launch by this Abe in September 2021, I came across this information: **Anton van Niekerk (US 1978)** is Professor of Philosophy and Applied Ethics, and founder-director of the Centre for Applied Ethics at Stellenbosch University. He has published 20 books, more than 100 journal articles and more than 60 book chapters. He was one of the first Stellenbosch academics to be appointed as a distinguished professor in 2014.

From **Piet Naude (US 1981)** Professor of Ethics and Director: EFMD Deans Across Frontiers at Stellenbosch University Business School: "Thank you so much, John! Keep my email and let the news flow!" **Lloyd Smuts (UPE 1982)** wrote: "Many thanks for the update. It is always so good to receive your emails and newsletter. It is hard to believe (and to be reminded!) that it was 40 years ago that our group was in the UK."

From **Marthinus van Schalkwyk (RAU 1983)** now SA Ambassador in Australia: "What a wonderful surprise to receive your email! All of the best with the excellent work - to this day I have the fondest memories of my tour. I look forward to receiving the newsletter and contact list." **Indran Naidoo (Dbn-West. 1984)** was in touch: "I am happy to make contact with the Abes again. I have been appointed as Director of the Independent Office of Evaluation of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, a UN specialised agency focusing on rural poor, and also an international financial institution. I am based in Rome, Italy, and a nice change from a very rewarding 8-year term in New York at the United Nations Development Program. Both jobs allow me to experience the world and its challenges. The memories of the 1984 tour remain in my mind, and glad to have kept in contact with a few of the Abes. I would be happy to host a zoom with the Abes of 1984." I hope your tour mates will take up this invitation. Please send me a screen shot if you do.

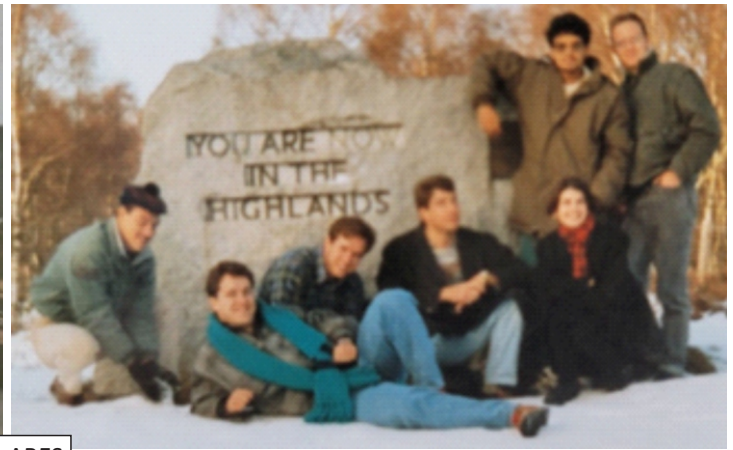
Mala Naidoo (Dbn-West. 1985) wrote: "Thank you for the sterling work that you have continued to do to keep us all connected. The legacy of the Abe Bailey Fellowship will live on." From **Ronée Robinson (RAU 1985)**: "Dankie vir alles wat jy vir ons doen. Diversiteit is só belangrik en ons moet elke deel van ons gemeenskap eien en eer." **Joe Samuels (UWC 1986)**: "Thanks very much for the information about the Abe Bailey Fellows and the resumption of the tour. Just to inform you that I have retired from my full-time job as the Chief Executive Officer of the South African Qualifications Authority after working at SAQA for 22 years, 8 years as CEO. I am now on semi-retirement, still staying in Pretoria. I recently met another Fellow who went on the tour with me in 1986, **Lourens Erasmus (OFS 1986)**." An appreciative word from **Mike Joubert (UP 1988)**: "Thank you for another well-edited Abe newsletter. As always, a wonderful and insightful read, and a welcome reminder of the Fellowship that celebrates the rich experiences of our tours over many decades. Of course, the September 2021 edition was especially poignant for me, so please accept my special thanks for the lovely tribute to dad. I know he would have appreciated this gesture within the Fellowship that he so cherished. Sending you my warmest regards." Likewise from **Devadass Pillay (UWC 1990)**: "Thanks for adding the photographs in the Contact List - always amazing to see the different groups over the decades." News from **Phil Struckmann (UCT 1990)**: "Hats off to you for still looking after the Fellowship after all these years! Given that my own trip was over 30 years ago now, your association with the Fellowship must be closer to 40 years by now? All well this end, but I noticed that in the digital age I did overlook one change of address when we moved house last year! We are now in Auckland, New Zealand."

Lyndsay Brown [Stewart] (Natal 1991) sent an update for our records: "**Angus Stewart (Natal 1990)** is a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia (there are lots of federal courts). Angus and I are married and have been living in Sydney since 2010 with our twins, now 17. I am a Research Officer at the Black Dog Institute where I work on a teen mental health project study called 'Future Proofing'. Warm regards." Great to hear from you Lyndsay. My wife and I were requested by the Trust to accompany and audit the 1991 tour to explore some issues that had previously arisen and to recommend new developments in the tour itinerary.

From **David Storey (Wits 1991)**: "Greetings fellow Abes. **Toni Handley (Natal 1991)** ended up in Australia I think but don't have details. I last bumped into **Wynand Wagener (OFS 1991)** about 15 years ago and he was running a printing business if I recall correctly. I recently scanned some of the pics from the trip and have attached these photos." Thanks David. If anyone happens to have contact details for Toni and Wynand, please send them to me.



1991 ABES IN THE CHURCHILL ROOM IN LONDON HOUSE AT GOODENOUGH COLLEGE



1992 ABES

The **1992 Abes** who celebrate their 30th tour anniversary this year, exchanged emails: **Immanuel van Tonder (UP)** from New York: *"The tour was one of the greatest privileges of my life. Thank you for all the work! Kind regards."* **Christel Fourie (née Lötter) (RAU 1992)** sent greetings: *"I won't make the November farewell dinner function, but hope to be in the Southern Cape again over Christmas."* **Kenneth Creamer (Wits)** wrote: *"I always look back on our trip very fondly. It took place during a memorable, but tumultuous time in South Africa, as the country was rocked by terrible violence between 1990 and 1994. As we travelled through the UK, amongst our group we had very lively debates about what was happening back home. Eventually we went as far north as the Scottish Highlands – and played the game of curling one evening, I am sure for the only time in our lives."* Also from **(Wits) Justine Limpitlaw** wrote: *"I loved the Burn and I think that love has stuck with me and during lockdown my husband and I bought (entirely unseen, just off the Internet) an 1865 Victorian Sandstone house in the Scottish town of Annan – a gorgeous river runs through the town (full of salmon apparently) and the walks down to the beaches of the Solway Firth remind me of our walks in the Highlands. It is lovely knowing that we have a piece of Scotland but our real lives are here in Joburg."*

From an Attorney of the High Court, **Corné Oberholzer (UPE)**: *"I recall the passionate debates and the building of lifelong friendships. I can truly say that the Abe Bailey tour had a profound and lasting impact on my own life. After **Coenraad Jonker's (OVS)** tenure as CEO of Edward Nathan Sonnenberg, we were both partners at Deloitte Consulting for a brief period, where Coenraad and his team started the process of developing what would later become Tyme Bank. In recent years we have not seen each other that often (working in different parts of the world and Coenraad taking the Bank to South East Asia, etc.), but the bonds formed originally 30 years ago are still strong. I recall engaging with Coenraad while he was stuck in the Sacred Valley in Peru during Covid lockdown (he was locked down there while hiking with his daughter); our conversation just reminded me again of the many wonderful interactions we had on tour in the UK. I see De la Rey Venter (PUCHO) a little more often (maybe because I introduced him to his wife, Rialda, on a blind date for Coenraad's wedding). We see each other mostly when he visits his property in Franschoek during his annual pilgrimage to South Africa. As Executive Vice President of Shell, and with a number of impressive portfolios over the years, De la Rey has recently moved back from Texas to the Netherlands. Again, to John, to the Abe Bailey Fellowship and to my wonderful travel companions, thank you for one of the best months of my life."* So good to hear from most of the 1992 Abes—I hope many of you will meet at the Farewell dinner.

Andre van der Spuy (US 1993) conveyed unhappy tidings: *"I have sad news though, my brother **Pierre van der Spuy (US 1989)** passed away last year. Abe Bailey was one of his happiest times."* Netwerk 24 published a news item about Pierre entitled *Matie student leader who visited ANC in 1980s dies*. **Samantha Walbrugh-Parsadh (US 1994)** wrote: *"Thank you very much for sharing the newsletter. It is always such a pleasure to hear what all the Abes have been up to."*

From **Hermine Engel (UWC 1997)**: *"Thank you for sharing the contact list and photos! Glad to hear that the tour is back on this year!"* **Robin Pearse (Wits 1997)** supplied contact details for an 'address unknown' Abe: *"Thank you very much for your update. I am delighted that the tour will resume this year. **Ndumiso Luthuli (Natal 1998)** is my colleague and friend. Yes, I suggest you exclude postal addresses of all those who have email addresses."* Thanks Robin - good to be in touch with Ndumiso again. **Sharlene Khan (UDW 1998)** mounted an exhibition in Johannesburg on 'Post-Apartheid Guernica': *"This is an exhibition by myself and Mokgabudi Letsoalo"*. Congratulations Sharlene. **Sharon McGregor (RAU 1999)** provided address details: *"Great news that there will be a tour this year! Please update my email address."*

Matthew Charlesworth (Rhodes 2002) shared a view on the Contact List format: *"Thank you so much for this and for your constant attention and support of the Fellowship. I personally enjoy seeing where people are, and you can do that with the address (though I agree, we probably would never really write an enveloped letter to each other given the state of the SA Post Office; and some addresses look the same as they were at the time of their Tour...). If you were to reduce it, perhaps you could have it in the format: City, Country, Email - only because I always enjoy looking up if there are any Abes near where I am."*



Maria-Nosipho Cwele (UZ 2002) took vows to join the Daughters of St Francis of Assisi in Port Shepstone: *"Thank you so much! I really appreciate the supportive spirit...It's been a long journey of discerning God's will for my life. I look forward in joy to my life as a consecrated woman. I thank you for ensuring that the Abe Bailey family stays in touch. The last farewell dinner I attended in Cape Town in 2018 really revived the purpose for this family of generations. I was truly inspired."* **Zareena Angamia (2003 Wits)** wrote: *"It's lovely to hear of the resumption of the travel bursary! Just a quick note of change of address."* From **Okyerebea Ampofo-anti (UP 2004)**: *"Thank you for the contact list. I can't believe it is almost time for my group to celebrate its 20th anniversary as well!"*

Achumile Majija (NMU 2005) wrote: *"Great to hear from you and hope that you are well. All good this side. Just a quick update. I have since moved to Uganda... am now the CEO of Prudential Uganda...the largest, fastest growing and most innovative insurance company in Uganda."* From **Philip Phatudi (UP 2005)**: *"Thank you for keeping us in the loop, and it is great news to hear the tour will resume this year. Knowing the contentious and stimulating discussions that occur in these tours, I wish I could be a fly on the wall during this coming tour after all that has happened in the last two years. Hope to see you soon perhaps at this year's send-off dinner?"* It will be good to see you and many Abes at the dinner. **Tshepo Mvulane Moloi (UJ 2006)** sent information about his current academic research work: *"Always a pleasure getting an update from you. I am researching aspects of the 'History of UJ' as part of the 'Histories of Universities in South Africa' Book Project as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Ali Mazrui Centre for Higher Education Studies."*

Mariaan Lombard (TUT 2009) updated address details and added: *"I have also been blessed to call Cape Town home!"* From the same tour year **Ivor Abromovich (Wits 2009)**: *"Always pleased to receive your emails. I moved over to the UK in November 2021, with Ernst & Young. I had been in the South Africa office for 6.5 years, and am excited about the new adventure in the UK. The Abe Bailey tour experience really set me up for a longer term path - the UK Master's degree and living in Goodenough College, and now back in London it feels like home away from home."*

Geraldine Lazarus (UZ 2010) wrote: *"Thank you so much for this lovely piece of writing. Always good to stroll down memory lane and look back on fond moments. I am very well, still in Johannesburg working hard and keeping healthy. Many thanks once again for your sound mentorship."* Another **2010 Abe Abrie Marais (UFS)**: *"Thank you so much for all the effort that goes into the newsletter. I don't think we realised what impact Covid19 and lockdown restrictions would have on our mental and emotional health, especially seeing more and more people on the streets which is heart-breaking. The Newsletter really lifted my spirits and reminded me of the positive impact there is to make on an everyday basis."*



2010 bursars in a jovial mood on a visit. Can you recognise where they are?

David Minné (NMU 2010) wrote from South Carolina, USA: *"Greetings Abe Fellowship. When I look back on my time abroad with John Gibbon and my fellow Abes, it is not the places we saw, or the things we experienced that first come to mind, but rather the many one on one conversations had on buses, trains and planes. Each bringing new perspectives to the world view I had at the time. These deep and rich conversations helped prepare me for what was to come. My family and I have spent the last 10 years travelling the world, never living in the same place for longer than a few years. The tour helped me integrate, understand and connect with a broader variety of people groups than I could ever have imagined. Thank you, Abe Bailey, for your investment!"*

News from some of the 2012 Abes celebrating the 10th anniversary of their tour:

Good news from **Chad Brevis (UWC 2012)**: *"Thank you so much for your updates. I am now Dr of Film and Media Studies at UCT. a change from my roots at UWC. I have also qualified with a Master's in Realising Rights and Social Justice from Erasmus University in The Hague. I have published my own academic book on restrictions on published texts in totalitarian states like SA during Apartheid and Iran."* Congratulations Chad!

Kameel Premhid (UKZN 2012) wrote: *"I cannot believe it has been 10 years since my trip with the Bursary. It was a special time for me: I knew I had won a place at Oxford but had never been there before. Uprooting myself by the following September was made that*



The 2012 bursars at the Farewell Dinner

much easier by the fact that my first experience of Oxford was with Fellow Abes and allowed me to "come home" when I relocated. For that, and all the personal and professional connections I have made since, I will be eternally grateful. Many thanks for the newsletter, for which I am always grateful. I just noticed one of my contemporaries from UKZN (who was also at Oxford at the same time as me) is back in Oxford reading for a DPhil. One of the real downsides of giving up social media is that you do, to an extent, lose contact with your wider network and so it is really rather something to learn about her progress through the Abe newsletter. The service you do to our community is so very appreciated"

Richard Chemaly (UFS 2012) started a new position as Commissioner at Broadcasting Complaints Commission of South Africa, and recently was appointed to the board of the Vrystaat Kunstefees . He wrote *"I've been doing legal work for the Festival for a couple of years so I've come to know the players...the VSK team has pioneered some amazing projects and there's so much more to come! I appreciate the updates on fellow Abes and insightful survey results. It was upsetting that the tour was placed on hiatus but it's certainly the right decision and I'll continue to pray that we get to the other side of this sooner rather than later. Stay well on that end and I'll look forward to joining an Abe dinner soon!"* As above, we are all delighted with its resumption this year.

Lukhona Mnguni (UKZN 2013) wrote: *"I will be part of a small group that will be having dinner with Lord Peter Hain. This will be my second encounter since the lunch session we had with him during our tour almost 9 years ago. I appreciate how well you have managed to keep us updated and glued as a community. I perused the list you sent earlier this year and it is amazing to see how many of the Abes now occupy important positions in society. I am now part of the co-founders of the Rivonia Circle, a political think tank that is committed to the revitalisation of our democracy. This has always been my passion, as you might recall."*

Camille Fredericks (UWC 2013) wrote: *"I just wanted to say thank you for this lovely newsletter. I met a fellow Abe at work last month. We've been working for the same employer for quite some time and were completely unaware. It was great being able to catch up with him and share our experiences."* Now with a doctorate and at The Big Data Institute at Oxford University, **Caitlin Stobie (Rhodes 2014)** wrote: *"Great to hear that there will be a tour this year! I look forward to hopefully seeing the 2022 bursars in Oxford. It was lovely, as always, to read the Abe Bailey newsletter. I'm always shocked when another year has passed since the 2014 tour. This year's edition comes at an uncanny time: I'm just settling into my new home in Oxford, where I am starting a postdoctoral fellowship (having finished a Wellcome Trust ISSF fellowship at the University of Leeds). I'm terribly excited to be back in the city and look forward to revisiting all the landmarks from our tour. I also look forward to the publication of my first poetry collection, *Thin Slices*, in October 2022 - it's set between South Africa and the UK, and several of the poems started germinating during the Abe Bailey trip."* Well done, Caitlin on all your achievements and projects. **Palesa Nqambaza (UJ 2015)** expressed appreciation. *"Thank you. It is really such a blessing to still hear from you during these tricky times."*

New pastures for **Sivashen Reddy (UKZN 2016)**: *"I relocated to Brussels, Belgium, as part of my profession where I am working as a Data Insights Analyst at Mars Inc."* **Oduetse Nthetse (Wits 2018)** updated an address: *"It is always good to receive this email from you and to go through the list of Abes. I hope to see it grow again soon."* Likewise from **Frans Matlakala (UL 2018)**: *"Good news indeed about the 2022 tour. There has been a change in terms of my details, I completed my PhD last year in November."* Congratulations, Frans.

On social media I saw that **Cayla Jack (UCT 2018)** has become the Senior Brand Manager for Gillette and Venus, Sub-Saharan Africa. **Samkezi Mbalane (UFS 2019)** wrote: *"I couldn't be any happier with the return of the Travel Bursary after having been cancelled for two years."*

And a valued comment from a **former Trust Chairman, Brian Robinson**, who continues to take an interest in the Travel Bursary programme: *"The 2021 Newsletter certainly stirred some bright memories! Thank you very much for sending it to me. A few things struck me especially: your experience and related knowledge are real blessings; Keith Richardson's Survey findings were well handled; the contribution from Andrew Ritchie rang some bells; I did not know Bill Yeowart had died-we had some good times together in the Syfrets days."* Thank you, Brian, and warm greetings to you and Mira.

9. FROM DAVID TURNER, MANAGER OF THE BURN, IN JULY 2022

I trust you are well and enjoying post-COVID life. I'm just dropping you a line to pass on the news that TWO Abe Bailey Bursars have

recently returned to The Burn. Firstly, as party of a Rhodes Scholar group from the University of Oxford, we welcomed back **Kumeren Govender (UKZN 2018)**. He is clearly thriving and enjoying his time at Oxford.

Then, yesterday, I discovered that **Pieter Graaff (Rhodes 1981)** was part of a large family reunion group staying at The Burn. We found his signature in The Burn guest book and the enclosed photo is of Pieter with his partner and the said guest book. We are very much looking forward to the return of the Abes in 2022 and I'm keeping my fingers crossed that the newly added visit to St Andrews University adds value to the tour and is a huge success.

A post script from tour manager, **Keith Richardson**: "*Thanks for including me in this, David. Out of interest, Kumeren is still very much involved with the Tour and will, once again, be acting as our Host and Guide on the Oxford leg of our 2022 tour. Although I was obviously not on the tour with Pieter Graaff in 1981, I did teach him Latin back in the 70's!*"



10. FROM 'VISITOR' TO 'COMMUNITY' AT GOODENOUGH BY RIEDWAAN FAKIER (UWC 2018)

The Abe Bailey tour of 2018 changed my life and has no doubt changed the lives of those who went before me, with me and those who will have the privilege to be Abes in the future. In my motivation for the tour I wrote *'The true value of this trip will be in the connections and relationships built up with the other bursars that will make a lasting impact on my life, building relationships to be social innovators and leaders in South Africa and worldwide.'* Over the past 3 years these relationships have influenced my life and the journey that I have taken.

Going into the tour, I had never thought that I could do a graduate degree in London - it was an impossible idea. I was never a scholarship student. However, the tour broadened my perspective and the experiences made me realise that I could pursue international opportunities and that I have something to offer, not just in Cape Town, but globally too. On the tour I had made my mind up that I wanted to do a Master's in London and would stay at Goodenough College.

A year later I found myself with a scholarship to pursue a Master's in London, and Goodenough College was my accommodation of choice. My time at Goodenough started off slowly during a full lockdown in the pandemic - an antithesis of my previous experience at the college. However once restrictions were lifted, it was as if society had rediscovered what socialising was (maybe it was just me!). We seized every opportunity to get together, or enjoy a breezy stroll amid gloominess and a sun that would sporadically check in. Many close friendships were formed with people from all over the world, and with people from your hometown but whom you met only in London. It was the evolution of proxemics - social distancing fast became a thing of the past and we all craved social cohesion. Friends, meaningful conversations, pure banter, ideas to change the world were just a door knock away. This was our peak "District Six" - a vibrant centre which had an establishment of intermixing, meshing of culture, exchange of knowledge, but also togetherness during adversities. Our community encompassed all ages from children of postgraduate students to the more experienced in society. Each member had a role in the College and played it fittingly, for who can be yourself better than yourself.

As in the 2018 tour, during my stay at Goodenough College I immersed myself in all the experiences available. A close friend at the college said: *"You have to seize each day,"* so I tried to do just that. Many of the relationships that built on the Abe Bailey tour and at Goodenough will be lifelong ones. Actively and passively, I will be rooting for every single person - hoping that they achieve the verbalised and concealed dreams - flourishing in every aspect of life and being world leaders in their own regard.

11. OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE:

- To all who sent in news, contributions, up-dated contact details and located 'lost' Abes.
- To Chairman **Brian Figaji and the Abe Bailey Trustees** for their commitment to the annual travel bursary programme and the Abe Bailey Fellowship, and for their thoughtful planning.
- To **Ms Lynnsay Jones**, Trust Officer, for her work in connection with the programme.
- To **Ms Debbie Weber**, the local travel agent who handles flight reservations.
- To Tour Manager, **Keith Richardson**, for his creative planning of the tour programme.
- To Goodenough Director **Alice Walpole** and her team for their support and for all they do to welcome the tour party to Goodenough College and to integrate them into its life.
- To **David Turner** at The Burn for ensuring that the bursars' stay there continues to be an absolute highlight.

Warm good wishes to all Fellows, wherever you find yourself at this time. Please keep in touch.

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