



This year sees the 114th Anniversary of our alma mater.

- ***The story of Rhodes University, is a story of quality.***
- ***We don't have the most students or staff, we have the most successful students and staff.***
- ***We don't have the most money, we have the most value for money.***

When we enrolled as students at Rhodes, all those many years ago, we established a lifetime association with, and a special community, at Rhodes University.

One of the foremost academic institutions in Africa, Rhodes is a research led university, and is one of the pre-eminent research institutions on the continent. There are nearly 20 research centres of excellence, ranging from nanotechnology, computer science, physics and electronics to biotechnology, water research, aquatic biodiversity and environmental science. [Read more](#)



Rhodes University has also formed a first-ever Institutional Developmental Plan, which was adopted by Council at its last meeting in June. This re-imagining of our University is anchored on four pillars. These are:

1. ***Sustainability***
2. ***Simultaneous local responsiveness and global engagement.***
3. ***Advancing social justice***
4. ***Advancing the public good purpose of higher education.***

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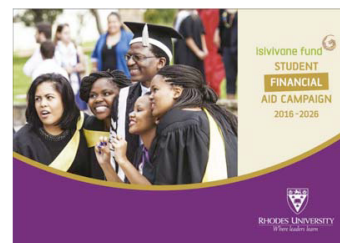
Rhodes University Trust USA (a tax-exempt, non-profit organization) was set up in 1992 and became fully operational in 1993. Its primary purpose is to provide funding and support for educational activities conducted by Rhodes University in South Africa and other educational institutions and initiatives in the surrounding area. Over the years fundraising efforts have helped to give many individuals the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of a Rhodes education by providing scholarships and bursaries. Alumni in the USA also provided substantial funding for the wonderful new Library.



The reputation of the University and the education it offers ensures that the campus in Grahamstown is populated by some of the most talented students supported by the most committed academics and support staff. In addition to a remarkable diversity, with 49 different nationalities amongst the student body alone, Rhodes also has one of the most favourable academic staff to student ratios and enjoys the distinction of having the best undergraduate pass rates and outstanding postgraduate pass rates of any South African University.

I am sure that you look back on your time at Rhodes with affection and gratitude; it is an integral part of who you are today.

I hope that you as an Old Rhodian will agree to support our University in its continued efforts in developing the leaders of tomorrow. You can make a difference, whatever the size of your contribution. Funding needs, currently falls under the [Isivivane Campaign](#), which encompasses bursaries, endowment, post-graduate and research funding and infrastructure to heighten student experience. ***(Please put your full name and surname as a reference and email proof of payment to donovan@globalfluency.com in order to receive your tax certificate.)***



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On behalf of the Rhodes University Trust, my fellow Trustees and the Vice Chancellor, I would like to thank you for the interest and support you continue to show in our alma mater. Please visit the <http://www.rhodesalumni.com/> to see further highlights.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Donovan Neale-May
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