



The next **GrietGriet** will be issued in November 2019.

Below: Ms Swanepoel studying in her Magrietjie flat in 1991



Mags lady in Miss SA Top 16

One of our very own Mags ladies, Beulah Baduza was one of the Miss SA 2019 Top 16 finalists!

Well done Beulah for making it to the top!



Alumnus now a proud Spikkel mom

In the previous GrietGriet, we shared a few special residence memories from two of our current Spikkel moms who were Magrietjies back in the day. We are proud to say that there seem to be many more second generation Magrietjies. Another Spikkel mommy who reminisces about her residence years (1991-1994) is Linda Swanepoel (now Ernst). Linda studied Education and today she is an Afrikaans home language teacher at Kempton Park High School. Her daughter, Isolde, is currently a first year BCom Supply Chain Management student and one of our beautiful Spikkels. Linda is very proud of the fact that Isolde also gets the opportunity to know what it feels like to be a Spikkel and she is certain that her daughter will enjoy her time in the Pink Palace just as much as she did. When she thinks back on her Mags days, she remembers what it was like to social with either the Mopanie or Maroela guys. When asked, she is pleased that she can still huppel like a Spikkel to this day.

-Lemé du Toit (Marketing HK)



We truly stepped UP our fighting game



Step-it-UP 2019 was one insane experience. Stepping onto stage with 96 dancers, 5 band members and a dedicated crew, the whole stage was filled with Mags' presence and their energy was unstoppable. The hard work and commitment of over two months was evident, and the feeling was mutual when we did our final Ma-Ma-Ma on stage in the amphi theatre! The theme for Step-it-UP 2019 was Fight Night. A powerful theme where the ladies could express themselves, because

we are all fighting some kind of battle in our personal lives. We rose up to face our fears and fearlessly engaged in the fight with Kung Fu Panda advising us along the way. Mags owned the stage and received a victorious second place in the ladies category. Step-it-UP is an event where we build relationships and take a break from academics while we burn a whole lot of calories in the process. Step-it-UP is more than just the trophies at the end - it is all about the journey. One thing is for sure, House Mags embraced this journey and we couldn't be prouder and more content with the outcome!

Written by: Sané Louw (Culture External)

Editor: A big shout out to Sane Louw for putting an awesome show together!



Semi week 2019

From 1-6 April we had Semi Week, which is a week where all the Mags semis get the opportunity to connect as a group through participating in various activities arranged specially for them. This year the activities included a picnic on the Mags lawn, sports championship with The Tower (Taaibos), breakfast with our Pink res sisters, and a Lip Sync battle as well as Jika Majika with House Tau (Boekenhout). The week ended off with a semi dinner where everyone dressed up in their prettiest cocktail dresses and danced the night away. All in all the girls had a great week where they strengthened their semi sisterhood.

-Kemisetso Phakathi (Semi guardian)



German Beerfest

Each year every residence is encouraged to explore the globe and embrace culture through a social event to open the students' eyes to different traditions that exist around the world. House Mags chooses to do this annually through our much anticipated German Beerfest, which we cohost with the male residence House Tau (Boekenhout). Every year the event gets bigger and better, with this year close to 300 people attending. This social was an enormous success and was widely enjoyed by our pink ladies, as well as guests from various residences.

-Nonhlanhla Pongwana (Culture Internal)



House Informal

Our annual house week took place during the first week of the second semester and as always, the Informal was one of the highlights. There was no better way to end-off house week 2019 than by getting dressed up and dancing all night with your fellow Pink sisters. Even more so when you can do it in a different country... The 2019 House Informal was hosted on the 19th July with the theme being '50 Shades of America'. The ladies came dressed as anything from cowboys and baseball players to Captain America. It also provided the perfect opportunity for the ladies to perform the new House Mags line dance which was taught to them earlier in the week. The evening concluded with a Ma-Ma-Ma and everyone was sent on their way. Despite a magical evening of being transported to another country for a few hours, we think all the ladies agreed that there is no better place than home.

-Tanna Brownlee (House Internal HK)



Mr Mags 2019

During our 2019 House Week we also crowned the new Mr Mags, Jacques du Toit. He is from House Tau (Boekenhout). This fun-filled competition consisted of three rounds where they had to dress differently for each round, parade in front of the Mags ladies and answer a question each time. Every single gentleman who participated really made the most of their time on stage and the ladies thoroughly enjoyed Mr Mags 2019.

-Lemé du Toit (Marketing HK)



Adél still going strong

On 16 July 2019, a year has passed since Adél Cato was hit by a car and sustained serious head injuries. This year, 16 July was a special day for Adél as this reminds her and everybody that is close to her of how far she has come and the progress she has made since that day. She is still receiving weekly therapy sessions and is determined to continue her studies as soon as possible.



Kaskar 2019 winners

The Mags ladies have done it again. On 26 July they ran as fast as their legs could possibly carry them and made sure that Mags is crowned as the winners. This is the second consecutive year that these ladies have won this trophy and they are already looking forward to see what the outcome of the competition will be next year. Below is Jeannette Auret, our Sport HK, proudly holding the trophy.



Editor: Lemé du Toit

Showing our squeezas some love

The House Mags squeezas always go above and beyond in order to make sure that the Pink Palace looks spick and span the whole year round. We thought that it would be a good idea for us to spoil them for a change. With this in mind, HK Tanna Brownlee, our House Internal and Well-being member, arranged an amazing lunch in order to make them feel special. They were all smiles and it was evident that they really enjoyed this treat. We are so blessed to have them in our residence and appreciate the friendly faces that we get to see every day.

-Lemé du Toit (Marketing HK)



Creating Mags gardens during the first ever MAGS week

Our first ever MAGS (Makes A Great Sisterhood) week was held during the week of 22 to 27 April. Every year we also have one house meeting where we meet per floor, instead of the whole house. During this meeting the necessary topics are discussed, ending off with fun floor activities. This year we had a cake challenge where the ladies were given cupcakes and a variety of tasty toppings with which to decorate in order to match the theme of creating a Mags Garden. The ladies all had to work together in order to think of a specific design for the cake. Each floor also had to come up with a unique name for their own Mags Garden. After each floor voted for their favourite design, floor 7 was announced as the winning floor. Their garden's name was Shining Sunflower. This bonding activity allowed the ladies on each floor to get to know each other even better and to have a little fun together during a very busy semester.

-Lemé du Toit (Marketing HK)



From our Treasure Chest...

We share some of the feedback from one of our alumni on our recent name change. It is understandable that most will feel a sense of loss for something they hold so dear. Thank you for your honesty in sharing.

(Translated e-mail from alumnus)

Dear House Mags

It is very strange and sad for me to read at the end of the previous newsletter that some of my fellow Mags ladies feel that Magrietjie doesn't exist anymore (Rest in peace dearest Magrietjie), or that the name is not lady-like or good enough. In my days in Magrietjie (2000-2003) we referred to Magrietjie as Mags, so to me this is the most natural change that could have occurred. It's also not the name that makes the residence, it's the spirit and people that live in it. It doesn't look like any of that has changed and that is so reassuring to see. I recently saw on Instagram that a song that we sang in our Spikkel year (2000) is still being sung. Fantastic!

"My Alles Vir Altyd Vir Huis Mags"

(Red: Thank you for your words of hope)

