

# Spikkels 2024





## Meet our RAG partners



### What is RAG?

RAG stands for Reach-out And Give, and describes the community projects of residences to help the less fortunate.

### What is a RAG partner?

As part of RAG, each year a male and female residence form a partnership to work together to uplift the surrounding community of Pretoria.

In 2024, House Mags will partner with House Ukuthula (yeah!!) – and as part of the partnership, we have a special RAG name, namely MATHula.

But let's hear from the men themselves...

House Ukuthula is situated on Mount Olympus on the Prinshof campus (yes yes, we're a bit far away, but distance makes the heart grow fonder, right?!). Feel free to refer to us as Ukuthuls - everyone does it already anyways. This residence, established in 1995, houses your loving, caring, health sciences studying, future partners.

We had a good run with Mags in 2020 as RAG partners, and only good stories and memories came from that partnership. For 2024, we intend on doing things bigger and better than before (so watch this space!). Prepare yourselves for many great clubhouse socials as well as a romantic 'engagement and wedding' ceremony to establish our partnership.

Spikkels, our Kuikens of 2024 (the special name for our first-years) have yet to hatch, but they will be ready to make your acquaintance when you arrive next year. Oh, and don't worry, your future partners are not lonely while we await all the RAG fun. We have our mascot, Mercury (a falcon) to keep us company and to protect us from the harsh environment of the medical field. Are you ready for the year of MATHula:, because we are.

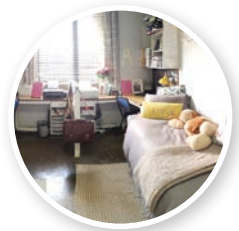
### **VIRORUM INLUSTRIUM**

(which translates to: Men of Distinction).

PS. Our residence uses Greek mythology as theme, hence our mascot being the messenger of the gods and our Greek credo.

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# Spikkel Bucket List

We challenge you to complete the 30 must do's during 2024!  
Feel free to add your own activities to the bucket list.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 'Huppel' on the 'blad'   | <input type="checkbox"/> Go for a walk or picnic at LC   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoy one of our famous pink Mags cupcakes   | <input type="checkbox"/> Attend a Varsity Cup rugby game   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wear your pink house shirt on Pink Thursdays   | <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in one of the Mags sports on offer (or support the team)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Give it your all in 1nSync with your new sisters   | <input type="checkbox"/> Shout MAVAVM whenever you feel excited  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Have a picnic with your friends on the front lawn  | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheer when a male residence comes out to 'serenade' us in the evening                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take a dip in our swimming pool  | <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in the annual BIG YES event with our great RAG partners                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance your heart out in StepItUp   | <input type="checkbox"/> Go all out and dress up for RAG wedding   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Have a slumber party with your flatmates   | <input type="checkbox"/> Do the Pink Sparkle with enthusiasm   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Give back by participating in a RAG event  | <input type="checkbox"/> Go study in M <sup>2</sup> with your study buddy  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Order the yummy spring rolls from the dining hall  | <input type="checkbox"/> Get a late-night snack with your res sister from our vending machine                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wake up super early for the annual house photo   | <input type="checkbox"/> Show your pink passion and post on social media for Pink Thursday                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Share the dining hall's delicious fries with a friend                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Show off your artistic skills in banner painting  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sing our house song with all your res sisters  | <input type="checkbox"/> Leave your mark by joining in on the "blad painting"  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Join in the MA-MA-MA song after attending a Mags event to show everyone our pink passion | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Paint Hatfield pink' during House week and Spikkel week                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Master the Mags line dance   | <input type="checkbox"/> Flick your room light on-and-off repeatedly when someone shouts "Mags, flikker julle liggies" |

# House Mags Values

As a House Mags community, we live by a value-based system. We pride ourselves in our value-driven culture and strive to align our actions with our values. Our six values go parallel with the objectives and vision we, as House Mags, aim at achieving. When you live by our 6 values – you are considered MAGSnificent!

## OUR SIX VALUES ARE:



### Acceptance

Understanding and acknowledging our differences without judgment. We encourage, and are content with, different opinions. We are open to listen and willing to have our minds changed. We celebrate one another!



### Ownership

We take responsibility for our actions because we know it will affect our own personal image, but most importantly the House Mags image. Every Mags lady is considered an owner of the House Mags brand, and therefore it is the responsibility of the ladies to ensure that our home is cherished and protected.



### Be the best that you can be

Identify your best qualities and use them to enhance yourself and House Mags. Through challenging one another and ourselves, we reach for the stars towards excellence. Be the Best You can Be, so that House Mags can Be the Best that It can Be.



### Pride

Pride is something Mags ladies share – it unites us and a united house goes so much further. "My Alles Vir Altyd Vir Mags! (MAVAVM)"



### Mutual respect

Treat others the way you want to be treated. This includes acknowledging each other's humanity and realising that respect starts with yourself. Respect unites us in our differences.



### Integrity

Always doing the right thing, even when no one is looking or without receiving acknowledgement. Acting in a way that has the best interests of House Mags at heart.

# Programme

for move-in-day on  
Saturday and Sunday,  
3-4 February 2024

## **Residence opens at 08h00 on Saturday:**

The Residence officially opens at 08h00 on 3 February 2024. This is when you can start moving in (from 08h00-17h00). You can also use Sunday to move-in (from 08h00-15h00). Your first sleepover in the residence will be on Sunday evening. Should you need to sleepover from Saturday, please inform the First Year Guardian.

## **Arrival (Saturday morning):**

When you arrive at House Mags, you can park inside the premises by entering from the eastern side of the residence in Grosvenor street (parking gate H23). Once you have arrived at House Mags, please enter at the front entrance of the building and walk through the foyer to the recreation hall inside House Mags. Here you will:

- receive your room keys
- sign your room contract
- get the opportunity to hand-in all the items you had to bring along
- pay and receive your clothing

## **Parent's session (Saturday or Sunday)**

There are two opportunities for parents/guardians to attend a 1-hour parent's only information session. Parents only need to attend one of these opportunities.

- Saturday, 3 February at 13h00 in the recreation hall
- Sunday, 4 February at 13h00 in the recreation hall



## **Be settled in and unpacked by 14h30 on Sunday:**

Please ensure that you are settled in your room (and unpacked) by 14h30 on Sunday. Once the official Welcoming Week programme commences, there will be no time to get your room ready for the year. That said, make sure all your belongings are in your room and unpacked by latest 14h30 on Sunday.

## **Goodbyes:**

After the parents meeting in the hall (13h00-14h30), you will have an opportunity to bid your parents farewell. Thereafter, you must gather in the recreational hall by 14h50. This will mark the beginning of your Welcome Week programme.

## **Note all items on the checklist:**

Please consult the checklist at the end of this book. This will help you to remember all the essential goodies that you need to bring to begin your new journey in House Mags. Note to self – don't leave home without ticking off all the items on the checklist!

**HAPPY PACKING!!**

# Information for Parents

## DEAR PARENT/S

Congratulations on your daughter being accepted into the University of Pretoria and the House Mags residence!

All residences follow a University-approved Welcoming Week programme before the commencement of classes. During this week your daughter will be very busy getting acquainted with her new environment. You can rest assured that our Welcoming programme does NOT involve initiation. It is a necessary programme to orientate your daughter to university and residence life. Due to high stress factors typical to adapting to a new environment (such as being unfamiliar with one's surroundings and being exposed to an overload of information), your daughter may feel very tired towards the end of Welcoming Week. You can help her through this time by being positive and by reassuring her that it takes time to adapt to a new environment. Please do not put unnecessary pressure on her to have regular contact with you during Welcoming Week. She will have some free time during which she will be able to contact you, but generally speaking, no news is good news! Lastly, we will ensure that your daughter eats three meals per day during Welcoming Week. If students are busy on campus during lunch time, we take their meals to them.

If a problem does occur, especially during Welcoming Week, please inform us so that we can resolve the matter as soon as possible. We have access to medical, psychological and academic support and assistance. If you ever feel that your daughter needs extra care or support during the year, please contact Mieke Labuschagne (First Year Guardian) or the House Parents (André & Yolanda Jordaan). If your daughter needs additional personal belongings or medicine during Welcoming Week, please call Mieke to make the necessary arrangements for delivery. In general, should your daughter experience a problem, she should go to her First Year Guardian, any of the House Committee members and/or the House Parents for help.

Herewith some valuable information to assist you when **moving into House Mags**:

- **PACKING:** Please consult the checklist at the end of the book to ensure that your daughter has all the necessary items packed.
- **ARRIVAL:** Please report to the recreation hall when you arrive at House Mags. Here you will receive your daughter's room keys and clothing, get the opportunity to hand-in all the items she had to bring along, and pay for outstanding clothing and other items.
- **MOVING IN:** You can move your daughter's belongings into House Mags between **08h00 on Saturday (3 Feb) and 15h00 on Sunday (4 Feb)**. House Mags has 11 floors and two lifts. Be prepared to wait your turn at the lift, or to carry your daughter's belongings up the stairs. It may be a good idea to bring family members along to help you move in. Please ensure that you allow yourself sufficient time **to get your daughter and all her belongings moved into House Mags**.
- **PARENTS MEETING:** Please attend one of the two parent's meetings to be held in the **recreational hall at 13h00 on Saturday and Sunday**. During this meeting we will share important information with you, and answer any of your last questions.
- **SAYING YOUR GOODBYES:** After the parents meeting in the hall, you will have an opportunity to say your goodbyes. Please ensure you are done by latest 14h30 on Sunday so as to allow your daughter to report to the hall at 14h50. This will mark the beginning of the official Welcoming Week programme!

**Your emergency contact number is that of Mieke Labuschagne, the First Year Guardian (Cell: 074 773 7723).** You will get peace of mind once you realise how happy your daughter is in House Mags, and that it has become her home away from home. If you find the empty room in your house overwhelming, give yourself a pat on the back and remind yourself of your great achievement in raising a daughter that has been admitted into a top-class university and a fantastic residence!

## Meet the House Parents

### DEAREST FIRST YEAR STUDENT (SPIKKEL)

Congratulations on being accepted into the University of Pretoria. It is a privilege to be able to study at one of the leading universities in the country, but an even greater one to be part of House Mags. In our residence you will be included into a unique family circle and become part of a special sisterhood. We can give you the assurance that you will never have a dull moment during your first year in House Mags due to the many activities we have on offer.

For most of you, living in a residence will be a unique experience. At House Mags you will be shaped in different ways - not only intellectually and emotionally - but also as a person. We strive to create an environment that promotes both academic and experiential learning. Furthermore, we encourage dialogue opportunities to promote a sense of understanding and belonging. We celebrate the fact that each individual is unique, but we also appreciate that, as students and human beings, there are many touch points that make us the same. We invite you to become part of a special group of ladies that functions as a unit; and take full advantage of the opportunity to make lifelong friends. In House Mags, you will receive the necessary support to enable you to perform on several levels - whether it be academically, culturally, socially or on the sports field.

Every residence has a special name for their first year students, and in House Mags our first year students are referred to as Spikkels. Our second year students are referred to as 'semis' and our third/fourth year students are referred to as 'seniors'. We refer to all the students in House Mags as 'the house'. The residence is guided by our vision stating that "House Mags strives to establish a sisterhood and a sense of belonging in a home that inspires passion and excellence".



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Our vision is shaped by our six values namely acceptance, integrity, mutual respect, ownership, pride and 'to be the best you can be'.

Now that you know a bit more about the residence in general, let's get a bit more personal and tell you about us as your house parents. We are both professors at the university and lecture in Economics (house dad) and in Marketing (house mom). However, in House Mags, we are not lecturers, but your House dad and House mom (often referred to as Papa Pink and Mama Pink). It was indeed our passion for young people that led us to become house parents of House Mags. We are a family of three – this is if we include our cockatoo (Magnum).

Magnum is a pretty pink-and-gray cockatoo who talks, whistles and plays all day (yes, can you believe that even the parrot is dressed in PINK?!)



We live on the residence premises in a house adjacent to the House Mags main building.

You will recognise our house from the strawberry-pink front door (reflecting the colour of the residence). By the way, did you know that the word 'Mags' is the nickname for our original residence name 'Magrietjie' - which is the name of a very pretty pink flower? To ensure that we have a daily reminder of this beautiful flower that is also linked to our residence name, we have planted a Magrietjie flower in pots on our front porch. The Magrietjie shrublet produces masses of daisy-like pink flowers almost all year round. When you visit our home, you will see the Magrietjie flowers next to our pink front door. You can also see the Magrietjie flower in our residence logo, where our mascot, known as MaerGrietjie, holds a Magrietjie flower.

As a last thought, please remember that your background and circumstances may have influenced who you are, but that you are now responsible for who you become. We are looking forward to getting to know you as a Spikkel.

**Lots of pink love!**



# Meet your House Committee



**Megan Moss**  
**Primaria**  
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**Gabrielle De Necker**  
**Vice-Primaria:**  
**Well-being & Acapella**  
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**Simone Killops**  
**Vice-Primaria:**  
**Academics & Semi-Senior Guardian**  
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Room 6-279



**Mieke Labuschagne**  
**First Year Guardian**  
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**Katlego Buda**  
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MESSAGE FROM THE

*Primaria*

DEAREST SPIKKEL,

**Welcome to the Pink family!**

First of all, I would love to congratulate you on making it through your Matric year and being accepted into the best residence, or as we like to call it, our home away from home. Welcome to the famous Pink Palace. I am so excited to meet each and every one of you and to share all the wonderful memories with you that we will be making this year.

My name is Megan Moss, the Primaria for 2024. I am an LLB degree student, who will be doing my final year in 2024. Myself and the rest of the House Committee are working non-stop to ensure that you have a wonderful residence and student life. My job is to ensure that the residence runs like a well-oiled machine and that you are well looked after in all aspects - be it emotional, physical and/or mental. It is also my duty to ensure that the House Committee creates a lot of opportunities for you to grow as an individual. I can assure you and your parents that you will be well looked after.

The role of the House Committee is to ensure that your transition into university life is a smooth one. Each House Committee (HC) member has a different portfolio for which she is responsible. They are there to create numerous opportunities for you to participate in different activities. These activities range from 1nSync, SteptUp, Acapella, debate, sport and much more. You will learn about all these activities during your first week in House Mags. Just make sure that you pack all your sports gear, musical instruments, notepads for academics and a lot of passion.

Here in House Mags, we pride ourselves on the close knitted sisterhood that we have. Many of



Megan

the ladies in Mags know the feeling of making impulsive decisions, such as going out to buy ice cream and sitting in your flattie's room while talking about your day. I hope that you are as excited as us to join this big, wonderful family of ours.

The journey that lies ahead may seem a bit daunting, but I can assure you that you are about to go on one of the most amazing rollercoaster rides of your life. Myself and the other 9 house committee members are here to guide you and help you.

House Mags is not just a building, but a colourful, joyful, kind, and passionate sisterhood. As you may have noticed we are very passionate about the colour pink, and as Miley Cyrus once said "Pink is not just a colour, it is an attitude". Our love and passion for our residence and fellow sisters is what distinguishes us from other residences.

Our theme for the year is **UNIFICATION** which means "the process of being united or made into a whole". We want to ensure that everyone

in House Mags feels that they belong and is part of the united PINK front. We want to create an environment where every Mags lady feels that they can be themselves. We want to strengthen our current environment to ensure that every lady feels she is included and welcomed.

*“Individually, we are one drop.  
Together we are an ocean.”*

– Ryunosuke Satoro.

Our theme for the year can be better explained when thinking of the bracelets that you will be wearing in O-week - to be provided to you by your Spikkel Mommy. Each House Committee member and each Spikkel has a bracelet that looks similar. This bracelet can be seen as a small symbol that unites us all. Although we come from different backgrounds and different cultures, this bracelet is a token of something that will bind us, hence - UNIFICATION.

I would love to encourage you to partake in as many activities as you possibly can. This is the time to broaden your horizons, push your limits, and to discover what House Mags and the University life has to offer. As you will be introduced to a whole new world of things, you won't believe the amazing memories that

you will be making, the dearest friends you will meet and the number of stories you will be able to tell.

It is also important to know, that even though res life is a lot of fun, academics are also very important. So make sure that you maintain a balance of the two, and where you struggle to do so, do not forget that the House Committee and myself are here to help you.

We cannot wait to see you thriving in the Pink Palace, and watch you grow into the best YOU that you can be. As the saying in Mags goes – “Give Mags your all, and she will give her all back to you”. Your time to make a mark in Mags awaits, so please do not be shy and just try your best. You are more than capable of accomplishing anything you put your mind to. Let's embrace the UNIFICATION and make memories together while embracing PINK PASSION.

**Lots and lots of Pink LOVE,**

**Megan Moss**

*Primaria*

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MESSAGE FROM THE

*First Year Guardian*



Mieke

**MY DEAREST SPIKKELS,**

Welcome to the most amazing and special years of your life! You can give yourself a pat on the back for being accepted into House Mags – congratulations, and most importantly, welcome to the Pink Palace.

I am Mieke Labuschagne, your First Year Guardian House Committee member, or as we at House Mags call me, your "Spikkel mommy". It might be apt to explain what a "Spikkel" is. A Spikkel is our special name for our first-year students. A Spikkel is 'a beam of light' and that is exactly what you will be to our residence.

This means that I am your "go-to person" for absolutely anything. You and your soon-to-be Spikkel sisters are what my entire portfolio revolves around. My door is always open:

whether you need a shoulder to cry on, some advice, a good laugh or just a hug. I am bursting with excitement to meet you. You will quickly discover that the ladies of House Mags celebrate each other's victories and encourage one another to always strive to be the best version of yourself. You are entering a new and exciting chapter of your life, and I know exactly how daunting it can be since I was once in your very position. During your first year, I will be your number one cheerleader!

Words that have remained with me from the moment I entered as a Spikkel are to "Give your all to Mags and she will give her all and so much more to you in return." My wish to you is to take every opportunity that comes your way, make new friends, and keep an open mind. House Mags is an amazing platform to get to know people, put yourself out there and to meet your forever friends.

I encourage you to arrive with an open heart. Make a habit of trying new things and stepping out of your comfort zone. Say yes to new adventures and choose to embrace all that Mags has to offer.

The House Committee is ecstatic to meet you and will see you blooming in the new phase of your life.

**Spiks, I can't wait to meet you!**  
**All my pink love,**

**Mieke Labuschagne**

*First Year Guardian*

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MESSAGE FROM THE

*Vice-Primaria: Well-being and Acapella*

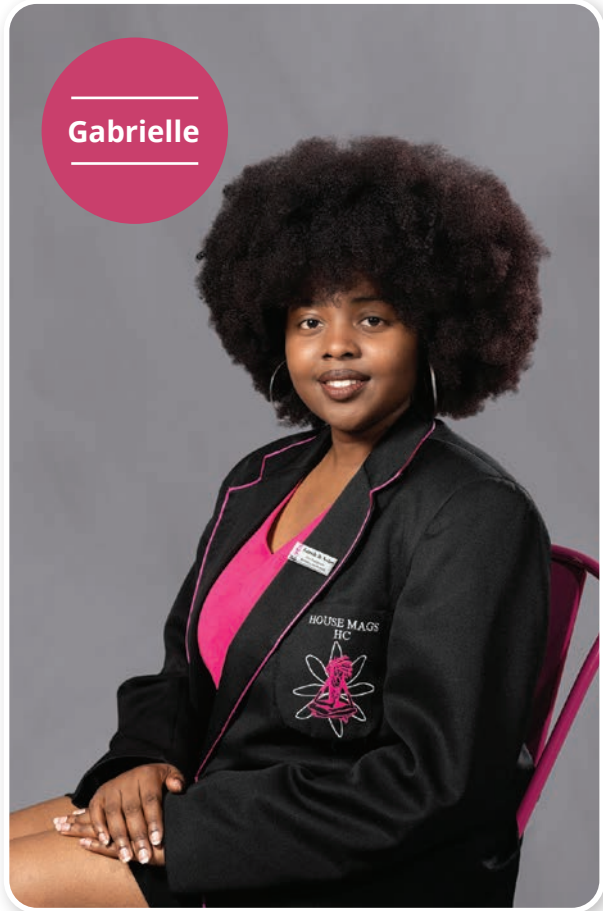
**HELLO SWEET SPIKKELS  
AND A WARM WELCOME!**

I am Gabrielle De Necker; your Vice-Wellbeing and Acapella HC of 2024; and I want to welcome all the new Spikkels to House Mags. It is such an honour to have you join our family and be part of the sisterhood that we cherish here in the Pink Palace. I also offer my congratulations for making it this far and starting a new chapter in your life with Mags as your home.

I am excited to meet all of you and even more excited to create memories with you. I know that coming to university is especially daunting. It is a new environment, new people and greater challenges. I promise you that you will not be alone through all of this.

My role as your Wellbeing HC is to ensure that you FLY@UP and grow as an individual. I will ensure that you have someone to turn to when you feel lost and a little alone. In moments when you need help, whether it be mental, emotional or physical, I am the one to call. My aim is to have each and every one of you enjoy your stay in Mags for as long as you decide to stay here. My goal is to not only ensure your wellbeing as a student when the going gets tough, but also to provide congratulations and acknowledgement when the going is good as well. Having passed through this phase myself, I know a lot of experiences in university will test you as a person, but I'm here to let you know that it is okay to not be good at everything and it is okay to ask for help.

As the Acapella HC, I aim to connect students through music. If you have a deep passion for music and you would love to represent Mags with pink passion on stage, then feel free to sign up. Acapella will not only allow you to flex your vocal muscles, but will also allow you to make



beautiful friendships and connections with your fellow acapella sisters. I will be happy to see you there!

I wish you all a very beautiful pink year and leave you with the following quote.

*"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow"*

– Albert Einstein

**With all my love,**

**Gabrielle De Necker**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE

# *Vice-Primaria: Academics and Semi-Guardian*

## DEAREST SPIKKEL,

Congratulations on reaching this exciting new chapter in your lives. I would like to welcome you to our fantastic university, but more importantly congratulations on being accepted into this “a-Mags-ing” residence, House Mags. You have made it to the Pink Palace, or as we call it our “home-away-from-home”. I am so extremely proud of all of you and cannot wait for you to join our sisterhood.

I am Simone Killops, your Vice-Primaria of Academics and Semi-Guardian. I am doing a BSc in Human physiology, genetics and psychology so I know all about the stress and nerves you might have when facing your academic journey. I speak from experience when I say that getting a degree is challenging, but I know that within House Mags you will find an incredible support system to guide you every step of the way. I am here to support you as you navigate your way through your academics. Do not underestimate the amount of time and effort you have put in to get here, and I know that you will continue to work hard as you excel within the walls of our Pink Palace.

We are all here to get our degrees, but don't forget there are other amazing opportunities to take part in within our Pink Palace. Don't be shy. We all know making new friends is hard, but you are joining our family and family always sticks together. Get involved in as much as you can because nothing beats the memories that you will make in your first year. My best tip for you is to learn how to manage your time. Do not let one bad test determine your whole outlook



on your degree. Be prepared, take notes and concentrate in lectures (it will save you on your study time later as you have already gone over it once before).

As semi-guardian I get to plan all the amazing events for your older sisters at House Mags. I want to encourage each of you to have a res-sister to support and encourage you as you navigate your way through your first year. Nothing beats doing the “Ma-Ma-Ma song” with your sisters next to you in the rec hall.

I would like to encourage you to be the pink flamingo in a flock of pigeons. Show off your pink passion whenever you get the chance. I am so excited to meet you in person and I cannot wait for you to experience the amazing support that you will have here at House Mags.

**With all my love,**

**Simone Killops**

*Vice-Primaria: Academics and Semi-Guardian*

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MESSAGE FROM THE

*Culture Internal, Marketing and Archive HC*

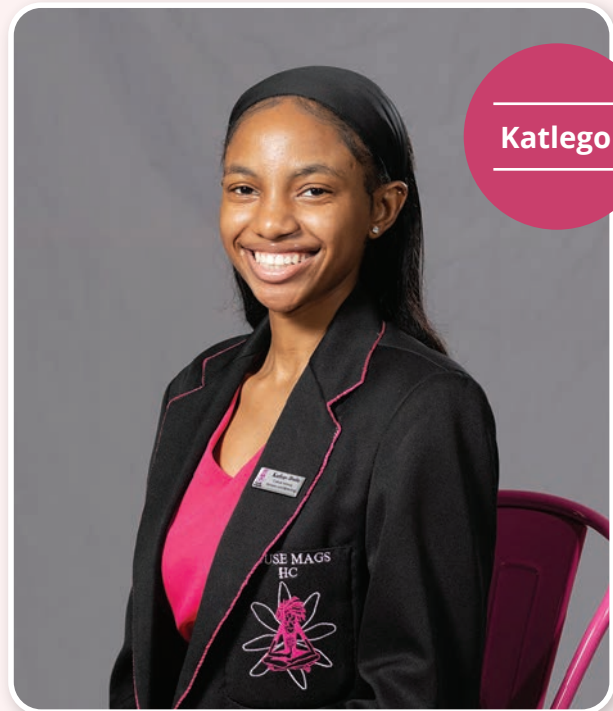
**A BIG PINK WARM WELCOME,  
SPIKKELS OF 2024!**

**Welcome to the best palace,  
the Pink Palace.**

Firstly, congratulations on reaching this milestone. You have worked hard, and now you stand at the threshold of a new chapter in your life – your home away from home and university. Have you seen all the posted social media posts on the House Mag's social media accounts (@housemags)? Yep, that is me! My name is Katlego Buda, and I am your Culture Internal, Marketing and Archive HC.

My role is to plan all the socials, cultural events and fun interactions with other residents as well as the marketing of all our events. I aim to ensure that the events we partake in as a house will foster a sense of belonging and sisterhood. I will be right by your side to ensure that you not only have a great time meeting new people, but also to ensure that you feel safe and always included. You will also meet many new faces in other female and male residences when you have socials and events with them, not only those in House Mags. These are opportunities to experience new cultures, learn about some new perspectives, and in the process, get to know yourself a bit better as well! On that note, bring fun outfits, costumes, and accessories for our themed socials.

I am here to ensure that you have fun and create memories that you will be telling your children about! We at House Mags want to develop each person's talents, so I will create opportunities for you to showcase your unique talents through cultural activities such as UP's Got Talent and events like debating. As you settle into your new home away from home, remember that you are not alone. University life can be overwhelming at times. It may feel like there are a million things to juggle – from



academics to extracurricular activities, social events to personal growth. Remember, in these moments of challenge, we truly discover our strength. Thankfully, you have an entire house ready to support you – something I call the beauty of sisterhood.

We, as your HC cannot wait to meet you! We are counting down the days with excitement. Embrace this journey with an open heart, an open mind, and the knowledge that you are destined for greatness.

So, dearest Spikkels, welcome to House Mags, a place where culture thrives, friendships flourish, and dreams are realized - #ourdifferencesmakeusstronger.

**Let's make this journey one for the books!**

**Katlego Buda**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE

# Culture External HC

Rachel

### DEAR SPIKKELS,

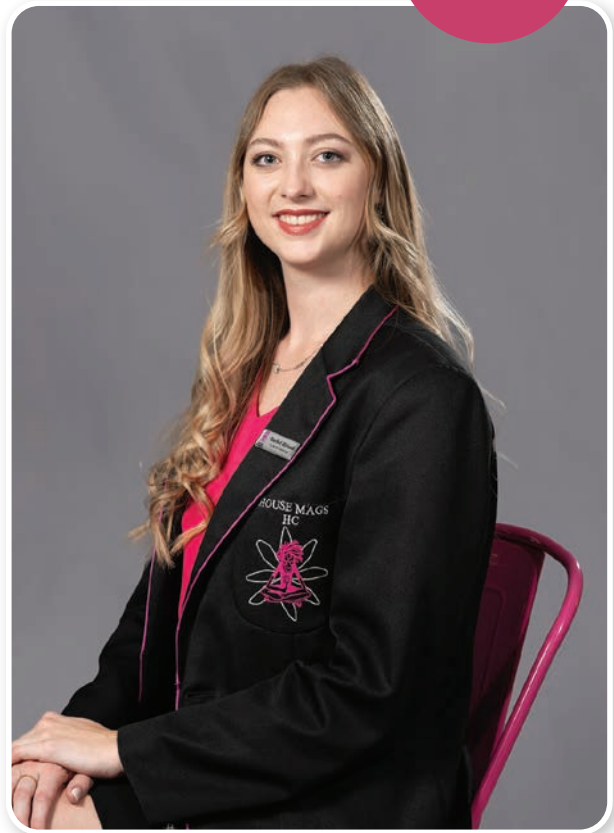
It gives me such pleasure to welcome you to our Pink Palace! A very big congratulations is due to you for being accepted into the best residence at UP! I hope you will feel welcomed and at peace as soon as you walk through our doors. The House Committee and I cannot wait to meet you in person and share the Pink Passion of House Mags with you. I hope you are feeling super excited to begin this next chapter of your life.

My name is Rachel Hyland and I am studying Speech-Language Pathology. I will be your Culture External House Committee member. It is my job to inspire you to unleash your creative side and show us what you are made of in the form of the inter-res song and dance competitions - 1nSync and SteptUp.

1nSync is the first-year concert where under my guidance, you will perform and learn an entire show in only 1 week! It may sound scary now, but through teamwork and dedication, it will be a walk in the park. 1nSync will be one of the most exhilarating moments of your res life and it is an excellent way to make new friends - so I strongly encourage you to participate in this most unique experience.

SteptUp is an even larger version of the first-year concert, involving ladies from the entire residence. This takes place a little later in the year and is the perfect opportunity to get to know some of the other ladies in the house.

Some of the greatest advice I ever received was to make the most of every opportunity presented to me and I urge you to adopt this same mentality, for the best memories are made when you do something outside your comfort zone. This does not just apply to 1nSync and SteptUp, but to any and all residence events.



While all these events are no easy feat, they will challenge you to extend yourself both physically and emotionally, but every second will be worth it.

Please remember to bring along a pair of white sneakers, black skinny jeans/jeggings and your musical instruments (if you can play any) – your skills will be greatly appreciated. 1nSync and SteptUp are brought alive through the band.

The HC team and myself cannot wait to show you all Mags has to offer. A popular saying in the res is “Give Mags your all, and she will give her all back to you.”

**With Pink Love,**

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MESSAGE FROM THE

*House Internal,  
Clothing and  
Treasurer HC*



DEAREST SPIKKELS,

Welcome to, what I like to call, your pink years! It is truly a time where core memories and life-long friendships are made, and I am ecstatic for you to experience it!

My name is Esther Aucamp and as a fanatic pink enthusiast I have the privilege of spreading the pink passion in House Mags. I do this as the HC of House Internal, where I create opportunities and events for the ladies of House Mags to bond. These events include the formal House Dinner, which is the perfect opportunity for you to bring along your matric dance dress! For bonding opportunities to be as successful and exciting as it can be I need your enthusiasm to partake in all Mags-related events. Being a part of House Mags has a whole new definition when we live together and not just stay together.

In addition to House Internal, I have the portfolios of Treasurer and Clothing. This means I am responsible for the finances of the House, as well as how stylish we appear as a residence. In terms of clothing, we have compulsory formal wear which consists of our pink house shirts, daisy T-shirt, UP T-shirt, long black pants and black sandals. Please remember to bring the pants and sandals along when you move in! You can buy the pink house shirt, daisy T-shirt and UP T-shirt when you move into the residence in February. Feel free to bring any funky and fun clothing for themed socials too! Themes include 'zeff', beach party and more.



Lastly, when you pack your bags remember your pink-tinted glasses, bags full of enthusiasm and a sense of sisterhood!

**Lots of Pink Love,**

**Esther Aucamp**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE

# Sport HC

Keketso

### DEAREST SPIKKELS,

Congratulations on being accepted into House Mags, and welcome to the greatest years of your life! We as your House Committee are thrilled to have you join us in the Pink Palace. My name is Keketso Matai and I am the House Committee member responsible for Sport. As the Sport HC, I am in charge of organising all the sport activities of House Mags, both internal and external.

*"What types of sports do they have at Mags?"*, you might be asking. Well, what don't we have? We offer many sports such as soccer, netball, hockey, basketball, squash, badminton, athletics, swimming and even chess (for those of you who might not be too thrilled with the idea of running in the sun). With such a wide variety of both summer and winter sports, it is guaranteed that there is a sport here for everyone. And if you ever need to destress and let loose, or practice your shots and dribbles, we have a table tennis table available here at res, as well as a netball/basketball hoop and a volleyball net.

In your years at Mags, make sure to participate in as many sports activities as you can. Even if you have never played any before, it's never too late to learn! Being part of a team teaches you important life lessons, and it's an easy way to make friends and build connections with your fellow Mags sisters. You will walk out of this residence with memories from the courts and fields that will last you a lifetime.



Staying at House Mags means so much more than being just a resident. Here, we are a family that supports, loves and cares for each other. If there is one thing I can promise you, is that you never have to be alone. You will always be surrounded by ladies who want nothing but the best for you.

I am so excited to walk this journey with you. Your first year at varsity is something that you will never forget, so make sure to cherish every moment. And just remember, you can never dream too big, if you dream in PINK.

**Lots of pink love,**

**Keketso Matai**

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MESSAGE FROM THE

# Community Engagement and Facilities HC

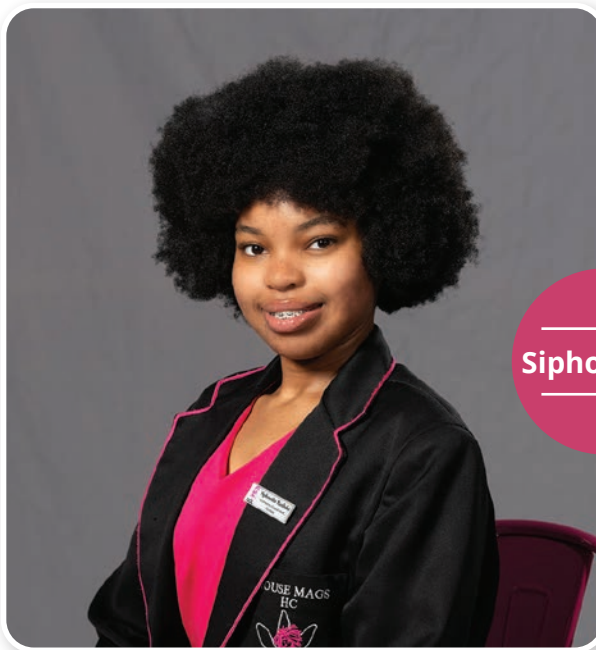
**YOU'VE MADE IT, SPIKKELS!!!**

Big ups on an amazing accomplishment achieved that got you into the University of Pretoria and being accepted into the best Tuks residence, namely House Mags. It is also known as the dazzling Pink Palace where you are yet to embark on a MAGS-nificent journey. Fear not as this is your roadmap that will lead you to the final destination.

House Mags is not just the Pink Palace where you will reside in, but also a home where you will develop everlasting relationships with your fellow sisters. It is the Pink Palace where you will feel at ease knowing that you have a confidant to seek help in any aspect of your life.

My name is Siphosethu Mazibuko, House committee member for RAG and Facilities. My first portfolio is RAG which is an abbreviation, simply meaning Reach Out and Give. As part of RAG, we will partner with a male residence and together we will participate and uplift the surrounding community of Pretoria. We work closely with a number of charities which just warms my heart.

RAG has various projects and events that we will participate in. The first event is Grietjie Piggy Fashion parade. In this event we collect many for the less fortunate. To do this, you are required to assemble and decorate your own piggy bank according to a theme. This year's theme is "When I grow up, I want be..." and can be interpreted anyway you prefer. Once you have created your piggy, you need to fill your piggy with coins/notes and bring your piggy when you move into House Mags. You will donate your piggy's money to one of our causes and get to showcase your piggy in a fashion show whereby it is recommended that you dress according to the theme as well.



As part of RAG we assist numerous charities - so you are therefore encouraged to bring any of the following essentials to be distributed: canned foods, sanitary pads, toilet paper, pens (any colour), dummies or baby bottles, plasters. Can you also save as much bottles caps as possible and bring them along as they will be donated towards our wheelchair project.

My second portfolio is Facilities, thus meaning I ensure that all our facilities are in working order. So, if there is any problem in your room, I will guide you on how to report the matter to ensure that we get it fixed as soon as possible.

To you my dearest Spikkels, I wish you all the best in this upcoming journey you are about to embark on. Never dim your light and remember that you are talented and special.

**Lots of love and Pink Passion,**

**Siphosethu Mazibuko**  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE

# Secretary and Administration HC

## GREETINGS DEAREST SPIKKELS

You're finally here! Welcome to House Mags beautiful Spikkel, my name is Rorisang Mabula and I cannot wait to finally meet you and cheer you on. In this house, we will grow together, laugh together, and most importantly learn from each other. This will be an experience like no other and I can't wait for what this year holds!

I have the portfolio of Secretary and Administration. As part of my Administration portfolio, I handle room allocations and parking. Although there is not enough undercover parking for everyone, we sure will be able to organise a parking spot inside our premises. Also, if you have any heavy appliances to store away during recess, I will be there to assist you. As part of my Secretary portfolio, I will keep track of all activities in the residence and minute all the important decisions made at House Committee and House meetings.

This beautiful residence of ours is filled with facilities to make living easy. We have an IT lab where you can work on your assignments as well as a TV room to relax. There is also a study centre (M-square) which we share with Madelief (our neighbour residence), a laundry room to do your washing, and a lounge area to hang out with friends. There is also Wi-Fi throughout the residence.

My advice for you is to value the connections you make during your first year and hold them dear. The people you meet will give you such an uplifting experience filled with many lessons. Also, remember to stock up on those 2-minute noodles for the long hours of study!



Rorisang

**Lots of love and pink sparkles,**

**Rorisang Mabula**

Secretary & Administration HC

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# House Mags Songs

## THE HUPPEL SONG

We have a very special tradition called the “huppel” (to huppel means to skip) which is unique to House Mags. The huppel song is sung (in three different languages) whilst skipping across the cement pathway into or out of the residence. We do the huppel because it shows everyone how proud we are to be Mags ladies. The huppel can be sung at any time, on any day. It is, however, mainly sung on Thursdays, also known to House Mags ladies as ‘Pink Thursdays’. You have to experience it to understand it!

### In English...

And...we...will...

Huppel, huppel, huppel, huppel, because we feel happy!  
Huppel, huppel, huppel, huppel, 'cause we are Spikkelkies.

### In Afrikaans...

En... ons... gaan...

Huppel, huppel, huppel, huppel, omdat ons vrolik voel!  
Huppel, huppel, huppel, huppel, want ons is Spikkeltjies.

### In Sepedi...

Bja-le re...

Huppel, huppel, huppel, huppel, a re thabileng!  
Huppel, huppel, huppel, huppel, re be le Spikkelkies.

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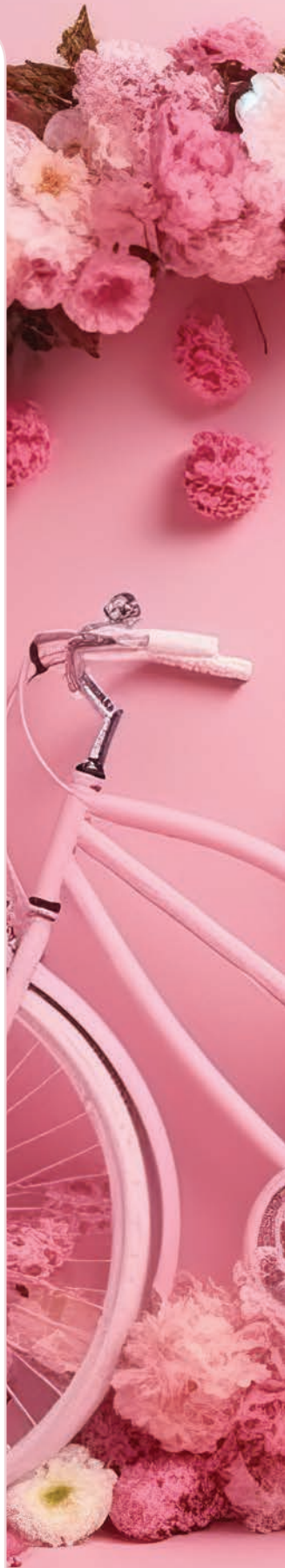
## HOUSE MAGS SONG

The House Mags song is on the tune of Liquido’s Narcotic Song. Take some time to listen to the tune of this song because this song can be sung at any time and place – whenever and wherever the song is played. The main part of the song is sung by the HC, and the rest of the house joins in at the chorus.

P.S. This song creates great envy among the other residences- and it brings House Mags together – so sing it with pride!

### Chorus:

MA-MA-MA-MA HOUSE MAGS X4



A vertical decorative strip on the left side of the page features a soft pink background. At the top, there is a cluster of pink flowers, including what appears to be a pink hydrangea. Below this, a white bicycle is partially visible, showing the seat, handlebars, and front wheel. The bottom of the strip is filled with more pink flowers, including roses and smaller blossoms.

## Formal House Song

House Mags's house song is sung at the end of our house meetings and at other formal events. We all interlink and sway as we sing our hearts out to the catchy melody of this song that has stood the test of time. It brings us great pride as it is an apt description of what House Mags means to each lady in the residence.

### Verse 1

House Mags, we celebrate your lovely name  
You add colour to our lives, and bring sunshine to our days  
You make friendships true and strong, we feel like we belong  
In you, a real home for our hearts

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### Chorus

House Mags colour paints the campus pink  
House Mags huppel echoes in the wind  
Our hearts are filled with passion; we feel it in our blood  
And this is our song for House Mags

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### Verse 2

Each one of us is different, but in one way the same  
We share our pride in the pink flower with the pretty name  
In our home away from home, we form a sisterhood  
Becoming the best that we can be

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### Chorus (finale)

House Mags colour paints the campus pink  
House Mags huppel echoes in the wind  
Our hearts are filled with passion; we feel it in our blood  
In you we are strong  
We sing all day long  
And this is our song for House Mags

## Fast Facts about House Mags

This wonderful residence was opened in 1982 as Magrietjie – and the name was proudly used for 36 years. The original residence name, Magrietjie, comes from the beautiful pink Magrietjie flower – which is why you will see a flower and the colour pink connected to all we do. At the end of 2018, the University adjusted residence names, and as a result, Magrietjie became House Mags. The word ‘Mags’ has always been associated with the residence. It was used, for many years by the ladies as a nickname for the delightful Pink Palace. Today we are proudly House Mags with the most vibrant colour of all the residences - PINK. Our mascot is known as MaerGrietjie – a special lady that distinguishes us from other residences. She was designed in 1982; with the original porcelain MaerGrietjie kept securely in a safe

within the residence. You will see her ‘picture’ everywhere – she is painted on our building and printed on all House Mags clothing items. She sits blissfully holding the proud Magrietjie flower in her hands. Our slogan has stood the test of time and was slightly adjusted in 2019 to accommodate for the new name. Our slogan is “My Alles Vir Altyd Vir Mags” – #MAVAVM (Afrikaans for ‘My everything for Mags forever’), and is the principle that every House Mags lady lives by. Our residence is governed by six values - as seen earlier in the book - and we consistently strive towards our vision of “establishing a sisterhood and a sense of belonging in a home that inspires passion and excellence”. The pink passion that flows through each ladies’ veins is what truly makes us MAGSnificent.

### RESIDENCE LINGO

#### Primaria

This refers to the elected leader that is in charge of the residence and House Committee (similar to the Head girl at school).

#### House Committee (HC, but often referred to as HK, pronounced as Haka)

The house committee refers to the 10 elected leaders in the residence. They are responsible for the management of the day-to-day activities in the residence.

#### Magrietjie

The previous name of House Mags.

#### Spikkel

The unique name for a first-year student in House Mags. It means ‘beam of light’.

#### Semi

The informal term for second year students.

#### Rec hall

This refers to our recreation hall where many of our events and meetings are held.

#### Res

This is the short word for residence.

#### House

Besides the physical building, the word ‘house’ often refers to all the members of House Mags. For example, the house has decided to... (which means that the House Mags ladies decided to...)

#### 1nSync

This is a song-and-dance production that is performed on stage by the first years of each residence. This event takes place only one week after your arrival and is part of an inter-residence competition.

#### RAG

RAG is also referred to as Community Engagement. It is an abbreviation for Reach-out And Give. We have many RAG activities throughout the year in which we help the less fortunate.

### RAG wedding

During RAG wedding we meet with our RAG partners (one of the male residences) to celebrate the beginning of our RAG partnership. During the ceremony each residence is given the opportunity to present their Sweet Vows to the RAG partner. To make it fun, the dress code is 'kitch' or common - so don't forget to bring some ridiculous mismatching clothes!

### Charming week

During this week we impress our RAG partners by spoiling them - singing to them, giving them coffee, having socials, etc.

### Step It Up

This is a themed song-and-dance performance of the residence as part of an inter-residence competition - and one of the highlights on our calendar.



### UP Acapella

This is an inter-residence singing competition where the best 20 voices in House Mags are selected. They perform their Acapella based on a theme.

### Chair chase

Chair chase was previously known as 'drastoe!'. This unique university word describes the event where we carry a steel frame (referred to as a chair) in a competitive relay race against other female residences. This activity was not presented for a few years, but we are hopeful that the university will bring it back since we are the reigning champions (21 years in a row).

### MAGSnificent

When you live by our 6 values and let your pink passion show you are considered MAGSnificent.

### Pink Palace

A term of endearment given to our beautiful pink residence.

### The Runway

A term given to the cement pathway leading up to the front door of the residence. The runway is where we huppel. Annually we paint the runway with our theme for the year.

## TRADITIONS IN HOUSE MAGS

### Pink Sparkle

This refers to the special way in which the Spikkels greet the House Committee of House Mags during Welcoming Week.

### 'Huppel' (meaning to "skip")

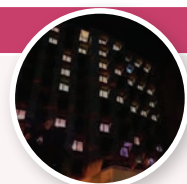
The huppel is House Mags's most popular and unique tradition and is sung in three languages. All House Mags ladies learn how to 'huppel' as soon as they arrive at the residence. The 'huppel' is a special song that is sung while skipping across House Mags's runway which is the pathway between the residence and the front gate. You have to experience it to understand it! Learn the Huppel song on page 24.

### Pink Thursdays

On Thursdays we wear pink! Every House Mags lady wears something pink - preferably our pink house shirts. No one can miss the gorgeous House Mags ladies on campus when it's a Thursday!

### Big Yes

The popular Big Yes remains one of our special "charming week" traditions. On one special evening, all the lights in the residence are switched off. With precise planning and timing, specific House Mags ladies switch on their lights and the word YES is spelled across the face of the residence. We do this to show our RAG partners that we agree (say YES) to a successful RAG partnership.



### Grietjie piggy

Grietjie is a home-made money bank in the form of a piggy, which is filled with money. The idea is to 'dress' the piggy according to a theme, and then you display your piggy when you partake in a fashion parade where the piggy's owner dresses according to her piggy theme. The money gets donated to one of the charity causes we support. Don't forget to make your piggy bank before you move into res.





## Spikkel Rumours

From one who has 5 alarms to the other who doesn't wash her dishes, we were a match made in roommate heaven. Before you know it, a stranger will become one of your best friends. She will be the one you laugh with till late at night, or share your heartbreak with. In the beginning you might be scared and hide your coffee, but before you know it you will share 2-minute noodles while watching a movie on your self-made big screen. Just be patient in the beginning, you will both be in a new environment and experiencing everything together for the first time. At the end of the day she will be there to hold your hand through all the ups and downs of university life, so all that's left to do is to embrace each other.

**With love,**  
Roomies in 7-338

### Room sharing tips:

- **Set Ground Rules:** Have a chat with your roomie on general rules such as whether you can borrow each other's belongings, when to have friends over, cleaning of the room, etc.
- **Be patient with yourself:** Adjusting to sharing for the first time may be challenging at first, but always try to be understanding of your roomie.
- **Keep the room clean:** Talk to your roomie about how the task of doing dishes and cleaning the room will be split between the both of you.
- **Respect each other's space:** Talk to your roomie about quiet time, study time and noise levels. Treat her section of the room with respect, and discuss how the shared space should be managed.
- **Do not be afraid to speak up:** If conflict arises between the two of you, address it immediately or ask an HC member to facilitate if you cannot resolve it.
- **Get to know your roomie:** The only way to understand a person is by talking to them. Who knows, this just may be a bond for life!
- **Keep an open mind:** ALWAYS make room for change and be prepared to try new things.

We asked some of our Spikkels a few questions, and here are their answers.



**ZINTA VAN STADEN**  
**(Sport Spikkel of the year)**

**What advice would you give to a new Spikkel?**

Participate in as many Mags events as possible and appreciate every moment of pink passion.

**What is your favourite meal at the dining hall?**

Sticky wings.

**What is your most memorable Mags memory?**

Our first huppel on the runway.



**ELNÉ JOUBERT**  
**(Culture Spikkel & Spikkel of the year)**

**What advice would you give to a new Spikkel?**

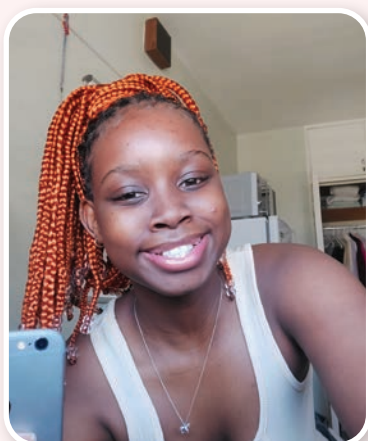
Enjoy every event and W-week. You'll miss it when it's gone! Also, don't depend on the turnstiles during load-shedding.

**What is your favourite meal at the dining hall?**

The chicken schnitzel and roasted vegetables.

**What is your most memorable Mags memory?**

The first "MaMaMa" in W-week! Amazing!



**SENAMILE SAMUKELISIWE GUMBI**

**What advice would you give to a new Spikkel?**

Balance is key. Master how to balance your social and academic life. You don't want to drown yourself in school work and miss out on life, after all, it is short.

**What is your favourite meal at the dining hall?**

Preggo Burger with the spicy potato wedges.

**What is your most memorable Mags memory?**

Mock court!

# Room Rumours

## Bed measurements

- Bed (bed supplied, but not the linen):
- Bed frame measurements: 33cm (height) x 76cm (width) x 186cm (length)
- Mattress measurements: 15cm (height) x 76cm (width) x 186cm (length)
- Please bring your own bedding/linen (sheets, pillows, blankets/duvets).
- No need to bring curtains, as each window has blinds.

## Compulsory items to bring for your room

- Own bedding/linen (sheets, duvet/blanket, pillow)
- Hangers for your clothes
- Towels and soap
- Glass, mug and cutlery for use in your bedroom

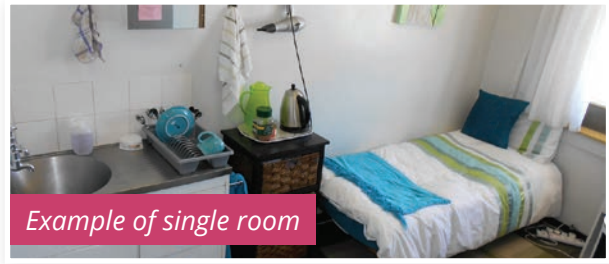
## Optional items to bring

- Bedside table
- Small fridge, microwave and/or kettle
- Study lamp
- Fan
- Iron and washing powder (ironing and washing to be done in the washing room)
- Carpet
- Broom and mop
- Two pin plugs and extension cords

It may be worthwhile to wait until you know who your roommate is (you will find out on move-in day) and then you can decide between the two of you on which optional items you need.

## The following items are in your room (no need to bring):

- Desk, bookshelf and chair
- Mirrors
- Bed and mattress
- Cupboard
- Washing basin and cabinet
- Window blinds (no need to bring curtains)
- Mirror, towel rail
- We have free wi-fi in the residence, including the rooms
- The room is fitted with a three-pin plug for electrical appliances



Example of single room



Example of double room

- **Electrical appliances:** No frying pans or electrical appliances with open elements are allowed as they are considered a fire hazard. You may bring an air fryer.
- **Special diets:** The University does not provide special food to students who follow a special diet due to their religious conviction or illness.
- **Parking:** House Mags has parking facilities inside the premises. Students must obtain a parking disc for access to the vehicle gates (we will assist students with this application process upon their arrival)

## Embrace room-sharing!

You are most likely to be placed in a double room, which means you will share your room with another Spikkel, better known as your roomie. Besides having a friend who will laugh, cry, study, have fun, have late night snacks and gossip with you at any given point in time, room sharing gives you the opportunity to bond with your roomie - and together you can create magical moments throughout the year. A roomie can be someone who will uplift you when you are at your lowest and be your cheerleader who will celebrate you when you do well. A roomie is someone who will understand the inside jokes and wake you up to write that test you almost missed. Since both of you will be experiencing most things for the first time, there will definitely be lots of laughter, fun and memories to be remembered. This is your opportunity to create a lasting, lifelong friendship and sisterhood with your roomie, so have an open mind and heart!



# House Mags Clothing

You will be required to purchase the compulsory House Mags clothing on the day when you move into House Mags. These clothing items are prescribed by the university and are worn by all residence students (all year groups). The compulsory clothing items will be worn throughout your stay in House Mags – and you will not be required to buy any new House Mags clothing during your second or third year.

The compulsory clothing items consist of a pink shirt and a daisy t-shirt. You will get to wear your compulsory clothing during Welcoming week, Monday evening meetings, every Thursday and during all official university/ residence activities.



## Compulsory clothing

**Daisy T-shirt:** R180 per t-shirt  
Worn when doing sports and at all informal events.



**House shirt:** R380 per shirt  
**Tip:** Two shirts come in handy when one is dirty and sweaty. This shirt is worn throughout your 3 to 4 years in the residence.



**UP T-shirt:** R55 per shirt  
Partially sponsored by UP. Worn to UP informal activities.



**Bring own pair of long black pants** (not short pants or leggings). Please note that your long black pants are to be brought from home and must be available to wear on the Saturday that you officially move into House Mags.



## Optional clothing

**Mags jacket**  
R600 per jacket  
The jacket is worn throughout your 3 to 4 years in the

residence. Very handy on cold, windy and rainy days, and when students have evening functions. One of the most popular clothing items in the residence.

All clothing is available in the following sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL

## Payment of clothing

- **Cash payment:** You can pay in cash when you purchase the clothing on the day that you move into the residence.
- **Credit card payment:** We have credit card facilities available should you wish to pay by means of your credit card.
- **EFT (electronic) payment:** Should you wish to pay by means of EFT, you will receive your clothing as soon as you have provided us with the proof of payment.

## Our banking details are as follows:

### Payment from any bank account (except ABSA):

- **Beneficiary:** University of Pretoria
- **Bank:** ABSA (Hatfield – Branch code 632005)
- **Cheque account nr:** 214 000 0038
- **Reference nr:** X0L814 + Surname of student. **Please remember to include the reference number as this is the only way to trace the payment to you.** EXAMPLE: X0L814 (Smith) – (please note that the 0 in X0L814 is a zero).
- **NB! Please email proof of payment to:** housemags@up.ac.za

### Payment from an ABSA account:

- Step 1: Add beneficiary
- Step 2: Add “Absa listed beneficiary” (not Absa account).
- Step 3: Next to “Beneficiary name”, type “University of Pretoria” and choose Account nr: 214 000 0038 for University of Pretoria Main.
- Step 4: Next to “Account number/Reference at University of Pretoria”, type the reference nr, namely (X0L814 + Surname of student). **Please remember to include this – it’s the only way to trace payment to you.** EXAMPLE: X0L814 (Smith) – (please note that the 0 in X0L814 is a zero).
- Step 5: Next to “Account holder’s name at University of Pretoria”, type your Initials and Surname
- Step 6: Next to “My reference” type in House Mags (and remember to request proof of payment)
- **NB! Please email proof of payment to:** housemags@up.ac.za

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## About Residence Life...

*You may have specific expectations of what life in a residence, and especially House Mags, entails. The following will give you a realistic picture of what awaits you.*



### **WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A RESIDENCE?**

The main role of a residence is to offer an on-campus living environment that supports your academic experience. House Mags will provide you with a family-like environment where you can feel safe and secure. It will offer you opportunities for personal development and growth. In a residence you will learn to adapt to different cultures while strongly identifying with House Mags as a subculture. One of the benefits of a residence is that you will experience an active student life which will enrich you on many different levels.

### **HOW TO ADAPT TO RESIDENCE LIFE?**

- Arrive with an open heart and mind, and be willing to adjust to a new environment where different individuals live together under one roof.
- Be willing to share facilities (such as a bathroom and flat living area) with other individuals (there are six ladies living in one flat and there are six flats on a floor).
- Be sensitive towards other individuals who have different needs and cultures than you.

- Be willing to actively participate in student life (e.g. sport, culture, socials or RAG).
- Prepare yourself for a noisy and busy environment, both inside the residence as well as in the Hatfield area.

### **WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF WELCOMING WEEK?**

Your very first week in the residence is known as 'Welcoming Week'. The main purpose of Welcoming Week is to empower you to adjust to your new living and academic environment. Our Welcoming Week programme is not an outdated and traditional approach to orientation, but an empowering programme designed and approved by the University. Our Welcoming Week programme is voluntary, but we strongly recommend that you participate in this well-structured programme as you will greatly benefit from it. The Welcoming Week programme is designed to provide you with specific and adequate information about the University and residence life. It will also expose you to the supporting infrastructures needed for your academic performance as a student and will facilitate your social adjustment by introducing you to the various facets of student

life and opportunities on campus. In Welcoming Week you will follow an academic programme during the day, where-after you will follow a residence programme in the evening.

### **WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT DURING WELCOMING WEEK?**

- Arrive with a willingness to make new friends and get to know as many of your fellow-Spikkels as possible.
- Be prepared for little “free” time as you will follow a structured programme for the entire week. You will, however, have some private time as scheduled within the programme.
- Have a willingness to participate in all the activities, even if it may be out of your comfort zone (for example to chat to people you don't know).
- Come fully energized as our first-year song-and-dance performance (called 1nSync) takes place just a week after your arrival.
- Each residence gets the opportunity to perform their 1nSync (at this stage, your performance is planned for Saturday 17 February 2024 – to be confirmed). Your parents are most welcome to watch you perform and you will be able to provide them with an exact time of your performance 3 days prior to the event.
- Be prepared for an extremely busy week with an overload of new information, but a week that will most definitely be worth your while.

### **WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?**

- On Monday evenings there are one-hour Think Pink Sessions for Spikkels. These sessions will help you to bond with your fellow Spikkels, adjust to university life and grow as a person. We really encourage you to attend these sessions as it will add great value to your university experience.
- Each quarter there is a compulsory house meeting for all house members. These meetings are used to discuss strategic matters of the residence and students.
- Study times are compulsory (and in your best interest). Study times are from Mondays to Wednesdays from 19h00 to 20h30, and then again from 21h00 to 23h00. Study times are implemented in order to develop a healthy study routine to ensure the academic success of our first-year students. If you have special commitments during study time, you have to get permission from your First Year Guardian to leave the residence.
- It is important to know that House Mags are governed by rules and regulations as stipulated by the University. You will be expected to adhere to the rules and regulations to ensure that you do not face disciplinary action. However, we believe that with our values-based approach, you will have no problems to act within the expected guidelines.

*Remember to be open-minded and be willing to share in new experiences. Don't miss out on anything that House Mags has to offer!*



# Frequently Asked Questions

House Mags is one of the female residences at the University of Pretoria. We are situated in 1107 Prospect Street in Hatfield. House Mags is walking distance from campus, shopping centres, book stores, banks, restaurants and churches.

## When do I have to pay my accommodation fees and how much is it?

Residence applications and payments are handled by the Student Service Centre (SSC) at the University of Pretoria (tel 012 420 3112 / 5116 / 5110 / 5114 / 5115). Please check directly with the University as residences do not take responsibility for study and accommodation fees. The residence only handles clothing payments.

## What is a "Spikkel"?

A 'Spikkel' is our residence's unique and special name for our first-year students.

## What should I bring along?

You need to bring your personal belongings (clothes, personal hygiene products etc.). You also need to bring your own bed linen (single beds and mattresses are provided). Bring enough clothes and personal items for four weeks as you may not get the opportunity to go home or buy new items. You don't need to bring any furniture as your room will be equipped with a study desk and chair. Optional items to bring include a study lamp, fridge, computer, fan or heater. You might not need to bring these items immediately. It may be wise to settle in your room for a couple of weeks and then decide what additional items you need to make your life or room more comfortable. You will also be requested to bring certain specific items as stipulated at the end of this Spikkel book.

## What facilities are available in House Mags?

House Mags has a recreation hall, dining hall, study centre, sitting room, IT lab, laundry room, vending machine, swimming pool, soundproof music rooms, a beautiful front lawn and tight security.

## What will my room be like?

Each floor (floors 3 to 11) in House Mags consists of six flats. Each flat has six ladies living in it. Each flat consists of a bathroom (bath, shower and basin) and separate toilet, as well as a lounge and kitchen area. A room consists of a bed, study desk and chair, a built-in cupboard and a wash basin. Most Spikkels will be allocated to a double room, which means you will share the room with another Spikkel. House Mags has limited single rooms available for Spikkels.

## How are rooms allocated?

The First Year Guardian and Administration House Committee members allocate Spikkels to specific rooms. Your First Year Guardian will provide you with an online link to a survey you have to complete. Based on your completed information from this survey, room allocations are made. We take into consideration: a) field of study b) whether you know someone you would like to share with c) your interests and personality d) your reasons for special requests. Special requests should be indicated on the Spikkel questionnaire.

## Can I get a single room?

Unfortunately only a few single rooms are available and you will most likely be allocated to a double room. Single rooms are allocated based on your matric marks (the higher your marks, the better your chances to get a single room). Experience has shown that ladies who share a room adapt quicker to residence life, especially during the first 6 months when things are very new and hectic. It may be to your benefit to share a room with someone who studies the same course. This enables you to study together, share notes and motivate one another. Great care is taken when selecting roommates and very seldom we have to make adjustments because ladies do not get along.

### **Will I go through a welcoming programme?**

Yes, House Mags (and all other residences) follows a University-approved one-week welcoming programme at the beginning of the year. This is a most valuable programme necessary to welcome new students into residence and university life.

### **Will I be safe in House Mags?**

House Mags offers one of the safest accommodation options available in Hatfield. The University of Pretoria offers strict security in and around the residence to ensure the safety of the ladies and their possessions. Curfews are maintained in the residence ensuring that you are back safe in the residence before the early hours of the morning. Each House Mags resident receives a student card that provides her with access into House Mags. There are security guards available 24 hours a day and extra security is arranged during special events and functions on the premises. The Hatfield area also has an active city improvement district team.

### **Are first-year students allowed to have cars...and where can they park?**

If you are fortunate to have a car, you may bring it to House Mags. However, you don't need a car because House Mags is walking distance from campus, shops, book stores, banks, restaurants and churches. Residents of House Mags can apply for parking at the beginning of the year and will receive a parking disc that will allow you to park your car inside the fenced House Mags premises.

### **Can I stay in House Mags during University holidays?**

Student accommodation covers academic terms only and you will have to vacate your room during holiday periods. Students who wish to remain in the residence during the holidays must apply to the Department of Residence Affairs and Accommodation. If House Mags receives holiday guests (external visitors) you will have to remove all your personal belongings from your room for the duration of the university holiday period. More information about holiday arrangements is made available in the residence before each holiday period. Evacuation during the holidays usually only happens once a year.

### **May I bring my pet to House Mags?**

Unfortunately, no pets are allowed on residence grounds (this includes fish, birds, hamsters, snakes etc.).

### **Can friends visit me in House Mags?**

Female friends can visit you in House Mags, except during study hours. Men are allowed to visit you (on the lawn, in the foyer area, in the sitting room), but they are not allowed beyond the access doors of House Mags. If a man (for example brother or father) needs to fix something in your room or carry something to your room, you will have to get special permission from the Primaria or Vice-Primarias. Once permission has been obtained, you have to make an announcement on the intercom system to inform the ladies on your floor that a man will be on the floor for a few minutes.

### **Any other important information I need to know?**

- It is recommended that you obtain insurance to cover personal property at House Mags, as the University is not responsible for the damage, destruction or loss of personal belongings.
- There are cleaners that will clean the communal areas in each flat, but you are responsible to clean your own room.
- You are responsible for the condition of your room. If holes are drilled or nails knocked into surfaces resulting in damage, the cost of repairs will be charged to your student account.
- You may be expected to vacate your room during holiday periods when holiday guests stay in House Mags. Limited storage is available for large items like fridges.
- It is advisable to keep your room locked at all times. You have to use your student card to access the premises through the front gate as well as the door in the foyer. You have to use your room key to access your own room.
- Never lend your room keys or student card to others and don't give strangers access to the premises.
- It is your responsibility to acquaint yourself with the University rules pertaining to residences, including House Mags's house rules.



## Checklist

Check the list below to ensure that you remember all the important things to do, bring or buy.	Checkbox ✓
<b>THINGS TO DO:</b>	
<p><b>1. E-mail the following ASAP to Mieke Labuschagne (e-mail address: <a href="mailto:HouseMags.FirstYearGuardian@tuks.co.za">HouseMags.FirstYearGuardian@tuks.co.za</a>)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A recent colour head-and-shoulder photo (ID type photo)</li> <li>• Completed medical form* (if you are on a medical aid)</li> </ul> <p>*You can download the medical form from the House Mags website: <a href="http://www.up.ac.za/house-mags">http://www.up.ac.za/house-mags</a> and click on <b>First Year Information</b> to download the medical form.</p> <p><i>*Completing the medical form is optional. We keep the medical form on record during your stay in House Mags in case of an emergency should your medical info be urgently needed and we cannot get a hold of your parents to provide the necessary information.</i></p>	
<p><b>2. Download the Spikkel book:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Go to <a href="http://www.up.ac.za/house-mags">http://www.up.ac.za/house-mags</a> and click on <b>First Year Information</b> to download the Spikkel book.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>3. Go online</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• And join the Facebook group called: House Mags</li> <li>• Follow our Instagram page: @housemags</li> </ul>	
<p><b>4. Complete online</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please complete the online Spikkel questionnaire. Go to the House Mags website: <a href="http://www.up.ac.za/house-mags">http://www.up.ac.za/house-mags</a> and click on <b>First Year Information</b>, and then click on Spikkel questionnaire. Your answers to the questionnaire serve as input to identify a suitable roommate for double rooms.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5. Please study the following during the holiday:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All the details of the House Committee – refer to pages 8 &amp; 9</li> <li>• The words of the Huppel song and House song – refer to pages 24 &amp; 25</li> <li>• The six values of House Mags – refer to page 3</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6. Make your own Grietjie Piggy money bank and fill her with coins. Bring your self-made Piggy when you move into Res. Here are some suggestions (but you can be creative and do your own thing)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Measurements:</b> Minimum 20cm in height and 20cm in width</li> <li>• <b>Content:</b> Fill your Piggy with coins or paper money</li> <li>• <b>Appearance:</b> Dress your Piggy according to the theme “When I grow up, I want to be”. Dress your Piggy according to this theme! (Use your imagination!) Bring your own clothing to dress like your Piggy for the fashion parade.</li> </ul>	

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<b>IMPORTANT THINGS TO BRING:</b>	
<p><b>Clothing to bring:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NB!</b> Your black long pants are to be brought from home and is part of the compulsory clothing. It must be available to wear on the Saturday that you officially move into House Mags. The compulsory pants are not short pants, ski pants or tights – but it can be black denim, black jeggings or formal wear pants – as long as it is full length.</li> <li>• Comfortable black or white shoes to wear during Welcoming week (you must be able to walk between campuses in these shoes – so make sure they are comfortable)</li> <li>• Fun and dynamic clothing for all the themed socials you will be attending, or funky and weird clothing for our unique wedding ceremony with our Rag partners.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Bring for your room:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hangers for clothing</li> <li>• Bed linen – sheets, duvet/blanket and pillow</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Bring if you are into sports:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports equipment such as hockey sticks, togs, shin pads, gum guards, athletic spikes, tekkies, etc.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>If you can play a musical instrument:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please bring your musical instrument, e.g. guitar, trumpet, keyboard etc.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Please bring one or more of the following items for our charity projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sanitary pads</li> <li>• Toilet paper</li> <li>• Tissues</li> <li>• Pens (any colour)</li> <li>• Dummies or baby bottles</li> <li>• Plasters</li> <li>• Bottle caps (please ask family members to save their bottle caps)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Bring for 1nSync performance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White sneakers/tekkies</li> <li>• All black, long denim jeans or jeggings (not tights or leggings). Please ensure that they are not ripped jeans and that they are not see through.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Bring for the University:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your university registration form, your ID and your matric certificate</li> <li>• R200 for the Spikkel fund (this money is used during the year for special Spikkel events and outings) and can be paid on move-in day.</li> </ul>	
<b>CLOTHING PAYMENTS:</b>	
<p><b>Please pay on move-in day:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A minimum of R560 when you move in for at least one set of compulsory clothing. Compulsory clothing includes the house shirt and daisy t-shirt.</li> <li>• Consider ordering additional clothing items (and bring money to pay for these items). Optional items include extra shirts or T-shirts as well as the House Mags jacket (great for rainy or cold days). Other optional clothing items will be released during the year.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Most important of all: Bring yourself, an open mind and heart, a lot of passion and LOTS of energy!!</b></p>	✓



# House Mags

