

HOUSE MAGS PRESENTS

# GRIET-GRIFT

NOVEMBER 2024

## OUR HC AND THEME

THE DAWN OF A  
NEW ERA OF  
FAMILY IN MAGS

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## MAGS ACHIEVEMENTS

FROM SPORT TO  
ACAPPELA-THE MAGS  
LADIES SHOWED UP  
AND OUT!

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A GLIMPSE AT OUR  
2025 SPIKKELS AND  
A BITTERSWEET SEMI-  
SENIOR FAREWELL

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# THE LADIES OF GRIET-GRIET



**ELIZMA**



**LETHU**



**REA**



**CARMEN**

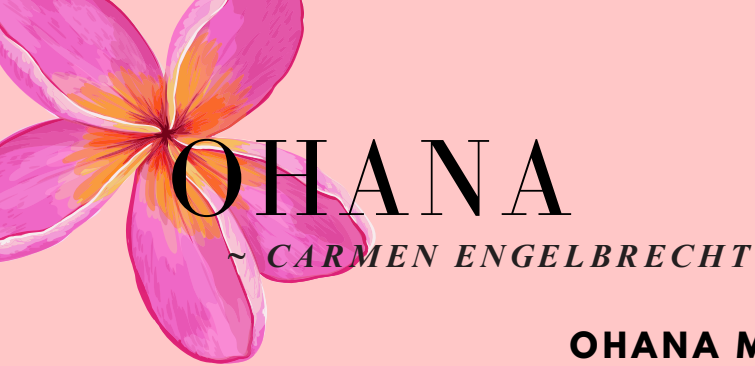


**MARILEEN**



**IMI Q**





## OHANA MEANS FAMILY...

Mags is not just a place to stay, but a home. Although we may not be blood related, the ladies of this house are the family we chose *intentionally*. This theme represents our family centered approach, not just internally but externally in a Tuksres capacity and inter-generationally- linking us to our lovely alumni. We don't just stay together, we live together and we thrive together.

### WE ASKED THE HC A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS...

1. *Who's your favourite musical artist?*
2. *What is your favourite way to spend a weekend.*
3. *A quote you live by*

#### PRIMARIA

1. Just one?! My playlist on shuffle can go from Tchaikovsky to Alvin and the Chipmunks lol
2. Catching up with friends and family, preferably with coffee involved
3. Grow in Grace



**ESTHER**

#### VICE-PRIMARIA: WELL-BEING AND FACILITIES



**LINDO**

1. Sondae
2. I start off my fridays with attending the youth service at church, a saturday in bed with my blankets and a good show 🤞 A light sunday with my boyfriend and church
3. God has good plans for me so I will take heart in deserts and gardens





1. Taylor Swift and the National

2. Going out and spending time with my friends.  
Also, chilling by the pool in the sun with my family.

3. Never be so kind you forget to be clever, never be so clever, you forget to be kind

FIRST YEAR GUARDIAN  
AKA. SPIKKEL MOMMY



**IMI Q**

1. My favourite artist is Stormzy, especially his album Heavy is the Head. I also love Thesiza; their music speaks to my soul.

2. My ideal weekend is spent cozy in bed, surrounded by good food and a brownie croissant from Geek House

3. I live by my favourite Bible verse, Romans 8:28: "All things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."

1. TAYLOR SWIFT 🧠🗣️🗣️

2. Tanning and reading by the pool while drinking a cocktail, hanging out with my friends and ending every day with a sunset stroll !

3. Everytime I search, there He is

HOUSE INTERNAL,  
TREASURER AND ACAPELLA



**SINA**

CULTURE INTERNAL AND  
MARKETING



**MINKE**

1. Tyla

2. Dressing up and going to a festival

3. "once you start something, finish it"



## CULTURE EXTERNAL AND CLOTHING



**ZANE**

1. ABBA

2. Working out and doing activities with friends and family. Just to reset and plan before the week kicks off

3. The most dangerous place you can be is your comfort zone



## SPORT

1. The weeknd

2. Binge watching K-dramas on Netflix

3. For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future"



**LETHU**

## RAG AND SEMI-SENIOR GUARDIAN



**ELSJE**

1. Noah Kahan

2. I love spending my weekends with my family and going for walks with my dog

3. "A 100 bad days made a 100 good stories, a 100 good stories make me interesting at parties."

## SECRETARY AND ADMIN

1. I don't really have favourites but top 5 is definitely Frank Ocean, H.E.R, Drake, Giveon and UMI

2. Doing literally anything with my friends is my favourite thing to do on weekends

3. Be the change you want to see in the world !



**MASEGO**





# ACAPPELLA

~ MARILEEN HEYMANS

In a spirited journey spanning from 2019 to 2024, House Mags has transformed its aspirations into tangible achievements, culminating in a commendable second-place finish at the Acapella finals. The path to success was not without its challenges, likened humorously to a difficult mountain climb, filled with long hours and relentless practice.

Reflecting on the beginning of this journey, many members of House Mags remember their first encounter with the rec hall on move-in day. The space buzzed with activities, from dancing to community service, with acapella quickly rising to the top of their interests. The excitement of participating in the group, fuelled by dreams of performing show-stopping routines, drove many to sign up.

However, behind the scenes, the reality of acapella was far more demanding than anticipated. Every Wednesday and Thursday, the group dedicated two hours to rigorous practice, honing their vocal skills and group dynamics. They focused on perfecting their compositions, often breaking into smaller sections to ensure each member mastered their parts. This dedication, while exhausting, fostered a strong sense of camaraderie among the members, who found solace and connection through their shared passion for music.

The culmination of their hard work became evident during the finals, where the sense of achievement was palpable. Standing on stage in coordinated costumes, the members of House Mags experienced the power of their harmonies and the support they offered each other. The sight of a supportive crowd—clad in a sea of pink—solidified their success, symbolizing their collective efforts and triumph.

While the climb to the top was steep, the rewards were significant: a strengthened sisterhood, an unwavering passion for music, and the coveted second-place trophy. The journey has been described as a dream come true, echoing the spirit of camaraderie and the joy of performance.

As House Mags reflects on their accomplishments in 2024, there is a sense of anticipation for the next chapter. With the foundation built from this year's experiences, the group looks forward to future challenges and opportunities, eager to take on the next mountain in Acapella 2025.



# PRESTIGE

~ REA MOLABE

The annual prestige was held on 2nd of September 2024, and we celebrated the achievements and hard work of our beautiful Mags ladies.

We are thrilled to recognise the outstanding contributions of our committees and top performers at the Prestige. These awards are not only a reflection of the dedication and effort put into the house, but also the pink passion that unites us all.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO WAS PART OF THE COMMITTEES- YOUR COMMITMENT IS TRULY THE EMBODIMENT OF WHAT THIS HOUSE REPRESENTS. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL AWARD WINNERS, YOUR HARD WORK DOES NOT GO UNNOTICED!

## SPIKKEL OF THE YEAR

### **SPIKKEL AWARDS**

CULTURAL SPIKKEL: LOVELLE HOAR

SPORT SPIKKEL: ZANE DU PLESSIS

RAG SPIKKEL: NSOVO MASHABA

ACADEMIC SPIKKEL: MIKAL VENTER



**BREINDEL NCUBE**

## MAGS LADY OF THE YEAR



**JESSICA BUCHANAN**

### **SENIOR AWARDS**

CULTURAL SENIOR: CHARLIZE HANEKOM

SPORT SENIOR: LESEDI MODUNGWA

RAG SENIOR: DANIELLA DE FARIA

ACADEMIC SENIOR: THAKGAFATSO MAKOFANE







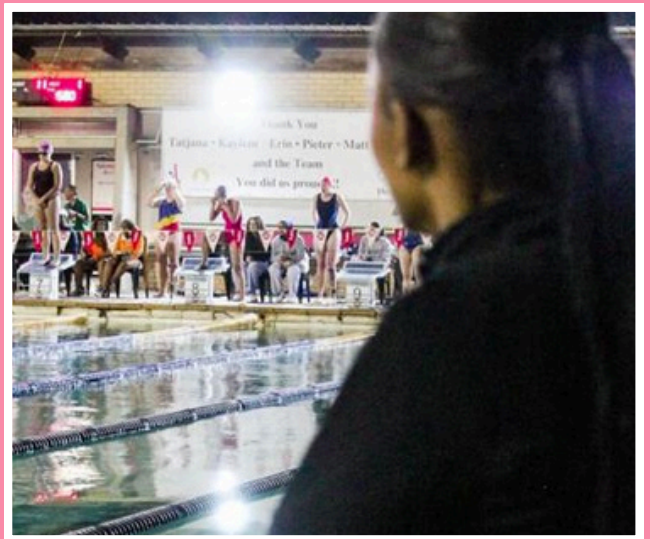
# SWIMMING GALA+ TUKS RES FEST

~ LETHU KHUMALO



**WHAT A TRULY MAGNIFICENT WAY TO CONCLUDE OUR SPORTS YEAR!  
FROM THE VIBRANT SWIMMING GALA TO THE SPIRITED TUKSRES  
FEST, THE GIRLS OF HOUSE MAGS HAVE CONSISTENTLY MADE US  
PROUD.**

At the swimming gala, our talented athletes shone brightly, with Danje Obermeyer securing a commendable 3rd place in the Women's 50m Freestyle final. The turnout from our ladies was nothing short of exceptional, as House Mags emerged as the most supportive residence, proudly displaying our signature pink sparkle throughout the event.



TuksRes Fest kicked off with remarkable energy, as our girls participated in various sports, including volleyball, touch rugby, foosball, and tennis. I am delighted to announce that we reached the semi-finals in all these categories, showcasing our dedication and skill.

The event also featured the TuksRes Potjie Kos challenge, where our head chef, Rorisang, prepared a delectable beef potjie that left the judges in awe. This culinary triumph earned House Mags a well-deserved 3rd place overall, along with a cash prize.

As we look ahead to the coming year, House Mags is filled with excitement for future sports events. We are determined to maintain our winning streak and continue to bring pride to the Pink Palace.







# ARCHIVES

~ CARMEN ENGELBRECHT

On 22 August 2024, House Mags had our annual archive exhibition where the current ladies of the house got to “travel back in time” to see all that Mags has accomplished over the years...

The exhibition showcased a few of Mags’ *firsts*, like the creation of our beloved mascot- Maer Grietjie as well as some iconic retro- House Photo’s.

As Mags is known for placing in the top 5 in competitions such as SteptUp and Acapella, it’s only natural that the certificates were brought out! Furthermore, as part of the *greats*, the ladies were able to see glimpses of past Feesjaar celebrations and a couple familiar Alumni.

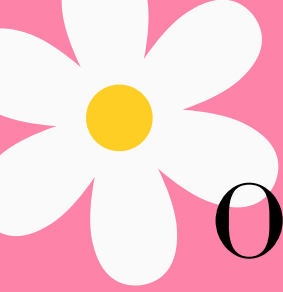
There has been many *changes* in Mags over the year, from the value based system to our most recent daisy shirt design. Yet, one thing remains constant- Mags ladies have pink in their blood, and it shows in every Spikkel, Semi and Senior.

With the passing of time, comes new traditions. Some of Mags’ *lasts* include our mags-nificent cheer squad and our lovely Mr Mags: Keagon Mnyaka.

Our history is such an important part of understanding who House Mags is at its core. With our new theme including inter-generational connection, we are able to learn from the experiences of the Mags Ladies of the past to work towards a beautifully inclusive- and thoroughly pink family!

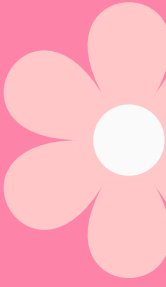






# OPEN DAY

~ IMI Q

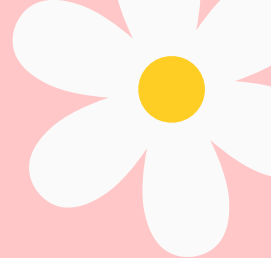


## Mags House Welcomes the Spikkels of 2025 at a Joyful Information Day!

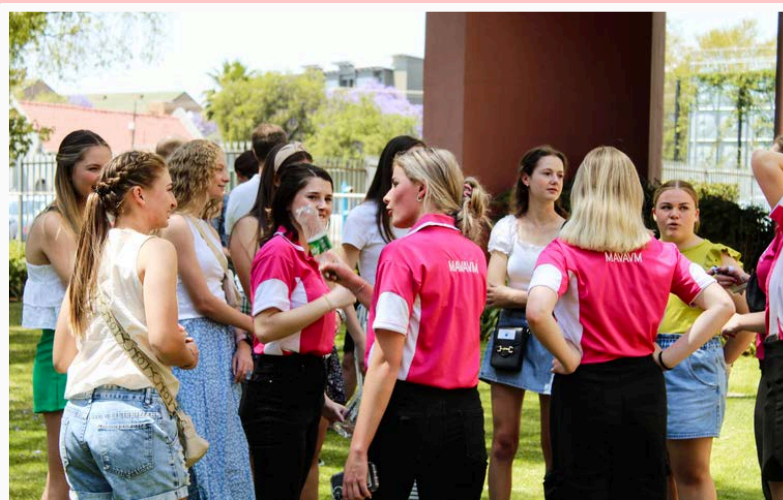
On October 12th, Mags House came alive with excitement as we welcomed the Spikkels of 2025 and their families for our Information Day. This special event gave the future ladies of Mags a taste of what life in our res will be like and allowed them to meet our dedicated House Parents and the HC Members including our very own Spikkel Mommy, Imi Qwelane.







*"EACH ONE OF US IS DIFFERENT, BUT IN ONE WAY THE SAME- WE SHARE OUR PRIDE IN THE PINK FLOWER WITH THE PRETTY NAME"*



The energy was infectious as the incoming Spikkels mingled with one another and bonded with the current house members, forming connections that will undoubtedly grow throughout their journey in residence. From inspiring speeches, exciting introductions, and building tours, we celebrated our shared passion for Mags and its vibrant community.

Watching these bright, enthusiastic young women step into Mags knowing that they are the future of our res was truly rewarding. We're so thrilled to guide them next year, ensuring their Mags experience is unforgettable. Here's to an amazing 2025, filled with laughter, growth, and plenty of Spikkel pink pride and passion!





# PRINCIPAL VISIT

~ CARMEN ENGELBRECHT



**ON 1 NOVEMBER 2024, THE HC HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO PERSONALLY WELCOME UP'S NEW PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR: PROF FRANCIS PETERSEN**



Prof Peterson was appointed on 1 October 2024 and has taken a very enthusiastic approach to the strategic direction of the University.

He shared with the HC team some of the key points of the vision he has developed for the University: A community that has a people-centered approach where technological innovation is championed.

House Mags looks forward to seeing all that the lovely Prof will accomplish during his term!







# SEMI-SENIOR FAREWELL

~ ELIZMA VAN DER VYVER

## **"ONCE A MAGS LADY, ALWAYS A MAGS LADY"**

The atmosphere was filled with elegant dresses , pink cupcakes , a few tears and lots of laughter. An evening reminiscing on the past few years where friends became sisters and sisters formed a family. A goodbye , a farewell , a time when the bird needs to leave the nest.

A happy melancholy, because although sadness is part of the leaving process these girls that turned into women will now be able to spread their wings and fly and reach new heights - that is truly remarkable. Mamma Pink shared her wisdom (Pappa Pink agreed) for their future endeavors.

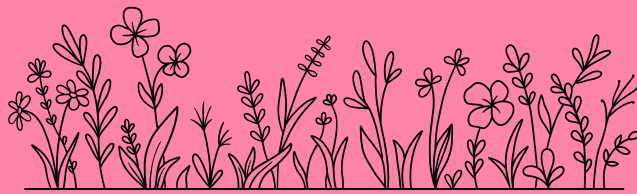
She quoted from the series the Good Doctor , "He taught me that when you touch one life, you don't just touch one life. You touch every life that that life touches", emphasizing that the ladies must go out and continue making small differences that have unimaginable impacts.

She encouraged the ladies to always focus on what people can do and not necessarily to focus on what they can not do. This perspective will have a positive effect on the people around them wherever they find themselves.

She told them that to continue even when it feels like they are unable to move forward because we as human beings are made to survive and thus are capable of much more than we think possible.

The current HC proceeded to say their farewells by playing a beautiful video made by Lesedi and Sina . The nostalgia then hit with a game of "passing and unwrapping the present" where they had to answer certain questions about their experience at House Mags. A few wild evenings of sneaking out to Jolly's and embarrassing moments of dropping vanity cases in the elevator in front of the Vice Primaria of Academics was remembered. Stories of dancing and singing in the flat with flatties was shared. A truly remarkable journey down memory lane filled with shared experiences and growth.





**THE LADIES ALSO SHARED A FEW PIECES OF ADVICE  
A MAGS LADY SHOULD:**

- ALWAYS SMILE BECAUSE YOU DO NOT KNOW WHAT DIFFERENCE YOUR SMILE MAKES IN SOMEBODY ELSE'S LIFE.
- "BE A GOOD GIRL... OFFICER" OR NO I MEANT PERSON :)
- PARTICIPATE IN EVERYTHING BECAUSE THAT TRULY BUILDS THE BEST STORIES
- FIND A SONOP HUSBAND ( SHARED BY TWO BIASED MAGS LADIES ;)
- BE LOVE AND LIGHT



***The Evening came to an incredible end where the ladies did their last "Huppel", "Does your mother know" and obviously the iconic "mah mah mah". A few tears were shed but all walked away with big smiles on their faces because being part of this house has been an experience each one of them will cherish forever.***



