



## To the editor, and to the Pharmacy Community

The Wits Pharmacy Student Council (WPSC), the elected student representative body for Wits pharmacy students, has a mandate to represent the interests of students, be a part of the national dialogue in all issues that affect students both in the present and the future that will affect us as we enter the profession as the next generation of pharmacists. As health care professionals in training another aspect of WPSC is to promote initiatives that improve the wellbeing of our community which reflects the good will of our student body.



(left to right) Nomsa Molefe, Lebohang Mapiloko, Kenneth Koshy, Lunga Gadala, Wits Mascot, Stha Ncube, Wits Mascot, Amukeleni Valoyi, Siviwe Ngalo

As part of the Mandela Day celebrations on 18 July 2019, WPSC donated a large quantity of food and sanitary products to the Wits citizenship and community outreach programme which is a programme across all Wits campuses that aims at assisting students with basic hygiene needs and combating student hunger which is a very real and persistent issue. In the spirit of women's month, WPSC donated sanitary pads to Spread Love Foundation, an NGO that works among the underprivileged communities of Johannesburg. All these donations would not be possible if it was not for the generosity and charity of our Wits pharmacy students and all the pharmacists who continuously support our student body in our initiatives, for that we thank you!

WPSC has many other programmes in the works including those that promote the profession such visits to various schools in Johannesburg aiming to promote students to consider pharmacy as a choice of study. Other events in the works for our term in



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office, which ends mid 2020, include a charity run to fund various programmes that improve health care among the less fortunate in our community, a careers fair where pharmacy students get direct exposure to various career paths and where 4<sup>th</sup> years can directly interact with companies/ pharmacy's for their internship placements.

Such programmes are only made possible through the support of the pharmacy community at large. WPSC is always looking for accomplished pharmacy professionals to come share their expertise with students and help guide us to the different opportunities in this profession. We call upon independent, corporate, hospital, industrial, regulatory pharmacy's and pharmacists to please contact us and make a difference in the next generation of South Africa's custodians of medicine.

If you would like in any way to support and contribute to the Wits Pharmacy Student Council please email [thewpsc@gmail.com](mailto:thewpsc@gmail.com), to stay updated on everything we do follow us on Instagram @the\_wpsc, twitter @TheWPSC and join our facebook group 'The Wits Pharmacy Students Council'.

Thanking you!

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