

The SAWIP Journey Continues



Having concluded the year, I always find that reflection is important in that it offers clarity. SAWIP has been both inspirational and encouraging. I am proud to serve on

SAWIP's Board of Directors in South Africa, while working for Dewey & LeBoeuf as an attorney of the High Court in Johannesburg.

The alumni have been busy this year, Caroline Taylor (2007), Mzimkulu Ceko (2007), Lebusa Meso (2009) and Vuyolwethu Goni (2008) have all qualified as lawyers and will begin their articles in 2010. Thamsanqa Ledwaba (2008) is completing his Masters in Public Policy and Administration and has been offered a position in the Office of the Presidency in Pretoria. Cheri-Leigh Erasmus (2008) was awarded the Abe Bailey scholarship and is currently on a study tour of the United Kingdom. Sabelo Mcinziba (2009) has just been elected to the University of the Western Cape's student representative body as he commences a Masters in Political Science. Together, as alums, we continue to keep South Africa a beacon of responsible leadership for the world to see.

To sustain SAWIP and to ensure its future success, we need your help! Please consider sponsoring a student: the cost is a modest \$6,500 or R60,000 for the entire six-month programme. We trust today will be South Africa's leaders of tomorrow. Help develop a new generation of leaders in South Africa!

Thank you for your continued commitment!

Rei Phiri (2006)

TEA WITH ARCHBISHOP TUTU



Alumni with the Honorable Archbishop Desmond Tutu

It is fair to say that the 17th of November 2009 proved to be one of the greatest highlights of the SAWIP experience. The Honorable Archbishop Tutu welcomed the SAWIP alumni to the Desmond Tutu Peace Centre in Cape Town.

The Archbishop shared his personal experiences of Northern Ireland and the similarities and differences between the Northern Irish and South African post conflict process. Alumni were given a platform to discuss what promoted and hindered the consolidation of democratic values and attitudes in South Africa. Unanimously, common ground was the strong sense of patriotism in the room.

Archbishop Tutu exuded warmth and hospitality with an unyielding and genuine interest in the alumni, and how

the SAWIP experience had shaped their past year.

Udo Hellberg, (2008) shared that his most important lesson learnt from the programme was that: 'small increments of change can make a difference no matter how humble your background is: anything is possible.' Petrus van Niekerk (2009) highlighted how the experience helped him realize the extent of his responsibility to South Africa, with Thulani Madinginye (2008) adding that the responsibility extends to the African continent.

The Archbishop parted with the words: 'Like the fighters of 1976, you need to carry [SAWIP] with you, you give us hope for the future and the future is now. Sitting with you, I know that now us oldies can exit.'

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Emma Margetts (2009)

SAWIP Young Leaders Service Project



Preparing lesson plans for the SAWIP Young Leaders Programme.

Upon returning from Washington DC, as part of their group community service hours, the SAWIP class of 2009 decided to design and present a leadership day for young at-risk leaders from local high schools in the Drakenstein district, Western Cape.

The SAWIP class gathered over a weekend to prepare a leadership curriculum, the objective being for the class to consolidate that which they learned, as well as transfer skills to these at-risk students.



"Getting to know you" game with Petrus, Ayanda and Sabelo

We facilitated group work, where the students were challenged to speak out about how they view their communities, what it means to be a role model in their environment and to share about their lives, with the SAWIP team, but more importantly: with one another. The opportunity was created for the participants to think and articulate dreams that they have and want to reach.

With Butterfly House, Hospice Palliative Care Centre as our base, the day was fun-filled and challenging in many ways. The wounds of a typical South African township were revealed through the stories that emerged. However, in the midst of grave realities, a glimmer of hope shines. When we saw the passion, enthusiasm and openness of the students, we knew that there was an opportunity to shine some light over a dark place.

It was truly amazing to see what happens when youth are given the opportunity to be heard and to mobilise. We believe that this is the beginning of a people-centred partnership of public service

that the alumni and future SAWIPers will sustain. It was a joy to facilitate a process where a sense of community is restored amongst the youth of this nation.

Later that week, the SAWIP class gathered for graduation and induction into the SAWIP Alumni community. Friends and family listened to



Nadine Moodie receiving her certificate from SAWIP (SA) Chairman, Lawrence Ntimane

insightful speeches about how, through giving back, and personal development, the programme had changed who they were. Guest speaker, Vincent Williams, *Idasa* board member and head of the South African Migrancy Project reiterated the necessity for civic-minded leadership and the responsibility we, as young South Africans, have to our country.

Petrus van Niekerk (2009) & Jean Scrimgeour (2007)

Distinguished Panel Advises SAWIP

Through our endeavor to remain responsive to the changing realities faced by young South Africans, SAWIP is pleased to announce the establishment of an Advisory Board of country experts, based in Washington, DC.

We are privileged to have the experience of **Albert Maartens** of Standard Americas, Inc; **Simon Barber**, Country Manager, International Marketing Council; **Priscilla Clapp**, retired American Diplomat who has served in South Africa and Burma; **Stephen Hayes**, President and CEO of the Corporate Council on Africa; **Broderick B. Johnson** of Bryan Cave LLP; **Ambassador Robert C. Perry**, former deputy assistant secretary of state in the Bureau of African Affairs; **Dr. Lynn C. Jennings**, of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation and **Elizabeth Sandza** of Dewey and LeBoeuf LLP.

We thank these individuals for making their time and considerable expertise available to further the development of the program for future SAWIP classes!

Lending Leadership

On 14th October 2009, SAWIP hosted celebrated leaders from a variety of fields - Art, Education, Politics and Science - at the first annual Leaders for Leadership Dinner & Fundraiser at the Johannesburg Country Club.

Guests were greeted by the sounds of the Melodi Music Ensemble, a twenty-three strong group of talented, young Soweto musicians under the baton of Nimrod Moloto.

Opening the evening, SAWIP Chairman Lawrence Ntimane and Executive Chairman Brian Currin welcomed twenty leaders who made time available to host our guests.

MC's for the evening: programme alumni Cheri-Leigh Erasmus (2008) and Thamsanqa Ledwaba (2008) introduced their Excellencies Ambassadors Colin Wrafter and Donald Gips of the Irish and



Ambassadors Don Gips and Colin Wrafter receiving a replica of Mrs Ples, the first specimen of the upright man found in Africa, from Dr Francis Thakaray, Head of the Origins center: University of the Witwatersrand

United States Embassies who, unequivocally and enthusiastically endorsed SAWIP, pledging to support it as it grows and strengthens.

We are extremely grateful to the leaders - both those that hosted tables and those who supported the event - who made this evening a wonderfully interesting, warm, uplifting and profitable occasion.

Sally Currin

(Programme Development Officer)

South Africa - Washington Internship Programme

Establishing the Spirit of SAWIP

Building a bright South African future

Although I have been involved with SAWIP since March last year, my first opportunity to meet those who have benefited from the programme came on 10 November when my wife, Lorna, and I hosted a cocktail party for SAWIP Alumni supporters and friends at our house in Camps Bay.

The evening exceeded all expectations. Apart from meeting many interesting individuals, the focus of the evening and the true spirit of SAWIP was brought home by the speeches given by three Alumni, Sabelo Mcinziba, Vuyo Goni and Petrus Van Niekerk, all from very different cultural backgrounds and educated at University of Western Cape, Cape Town University and Stellenbosch University respectively.



SAWIP (SA) Board Member: Peter Rogan

Listening to their experiences and the passion with which they recounted how the SAWIP programme had changed their lives was emotional, very encouraging and inspirational.

Their enthusiasm and belief in the benefits of objective, impartial and cohesive leadership with a global perspective for the benefit of the country as a whole, left me with a feeling of huge admiration for what SAWIP has in its short life achieved. Friends from both England and Cape Town were equally inspired and we all came away uplifted and with a strong sense that, if those we had met represented the new generation of leaders, then South Africa is in good hands and the future is bright.

Peter Rogan

New Donors

SAWIP would not exist without the commitment and financial support of its donors.

*This year we are proud to boast the inclusion of **WBHO Construction and the Graham Beck Foundation** to our compliment of contributors.*

*We would also like to thank our other corporate donors, including **Dewey and Leboeuf** as well as the various individuals who allow us to make SAWIP the world-class, leadership programme that it is.*

For more information on sponsoring a student or donating to the programme please consult www.sawip.org.

Aubrey in concert



SAWIP (SA) Board Member: Aubrey Ngcungama

SAWIP board members have been asked to organize a fundraiser to contribute to moneys raised for SAWIP 2010.

Aubrey Ngcungama, a trained opera singer, led the way by performing a recital in Jameson Hall, UCT, in November.

The event was attended by friends, alumni, alumni parents and the Vice Chancellor, Max Price.

Aubrey was accompanied on the piano by his singing coach Gerard du Toit, and the occasional chirping sparrow which appeared to have crashed the show. He sang for nearly two hours and entertained the crowd with favourites including *Funiculi Funicular* and *O Sole Mio*.

The recital was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Next year Aubrey hopes to draw an even larger crowd and hold the event at the local Baxter theatre.

2010 Calendar of Events

- January:** Applications Open
- March 5:** Applications Close
- March 8-12:** Interviews
- March 26-28:** Selection Camp
- March 27:** Board Fundraiser
- April 15:** SAWIP(SA) Board Meeting
- April - June:** SA Curriculum and Community Service
- April 9-11:** Orientation Camp
- April 16:** Board Fundraiser
- June 11:** Class 2010 leave for DC
- July 18:** Class 2010 Return from DC
- July 29:** SAWIP(SA) Board Meeting
- August:** Group Community Service
- September 23:** Programme Evaluation and Graduation
- September 20:** SAWIP (SA) Board Meeting
- November 25:** SAWIP(SA) Board Meeting