

OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE PAX ALUMNI FOUNDATION NPC

- The launch took place on Saturday, 30 September 2023, at the Parish Hall, St John the Apostle Catholic Church in Florida Park, Gauteng Province, South Africa,
- The alumni spanned many generations, with “bo Matwetwe” from the 60’s to 2004,
- **All supported the Vision and Objectives of the Foundation**, which are about:
 - acquiring and securing resources (financial and non-financial) from donors, sponsors and other philanthropic sources domestically and around the world, to invest these in much needed academic, extra-curricular facilities and related infrastructure projects, and in support and capacity building programmes to empower learners, teachers, management and the governing body,
 - improving the quality and the academic outcomes of the learners,
 - working with the Brothers of Charity, the School Management and governing body to make Pax the Greatest school **to which all Paxonians will be willing to send their own descendants in the future, as the first choice.**
- All committed to make their personal contributions towards achieving these objectives. The delegates made a similar **call to all alumni to make the same commitment.**
 - Fellow alumnus and our Reserve bank Governor, Mr Lesetja Kganyago, emphasised the need for us all as the alumni to demonstrate our personal commitment to the Foundation. Whilst contributions can be made in many forms, one of the essential resources is finance. By actively donating to the Foundation, alumni will be able to demonstrate their own commitment to potential donors, which is one critical aspect that most donors look for before they decide to make their own donations. Whilst donating depends on one’s means and capacity, a proposal was made and supported to motivate alumni to make a monthly minimum donation of either R50, R100 or even more. *“Kgomo go tsošwa yeo e itsošago.”*
 - To facilitate communication with all alumni, all are encouraged to complete and submit an electronic database form which the Foundation developed. This form can be accessed via this link <https://wgforum.org/pax-alumni/> which is also shared via WhatsApp. All alumni are encouraged to share the link with their former classmates. Work on the Foundation’s website will commence soon, and a communique will be issued to all alumni as soon as it is launched.
 - Work will also commence soon to prepare for a great centenary celebration for Pax College which is planned to take place in 2028. All alumni are expected to join in this milestone event.
- On behalf of the Foundation and the Alumni, Mr Kganyago thanked the parish of Florida under the leadership of Fr. Jean-Marie and his able team who donated the use of the parish hall to the Foundation to hold the event. Our gratitude also goes to the Brothers of Charity, Southern Africa Region (St Paul Region), for their support to make the launch a reality.
Many thanks also went to all the other sponsors, including the board of the Foundation, the executive committee of the Pax Alumni Association and all other members of the alumni who put in the effort to organize and host this successful launch.

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Chairman