



GRADUATION CEREMONY

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Order of Proceedings

Opening

Please stand

The academic procession enters

Cornerstone Institute's President constitutes the congregation Please be seated.

Opening Prayer	Dr Marianne Louw, Executive
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Dean

Welcome and Introduction Mr Abdul-Basier Dramat, Chief

Executive Officer

Graduation Address Mr Marcel Golding, Chairperson of

the CI Board of Directors

Student Speaker Mr Timothy Simpson, SRC President

Selected Artist Ms Althea Kettledas and Mr

Marshall Jacobs

Conferring of Qualifications Prof Crain Soudien, CI President

Dr Marianne Louw, Exec. Dean

Dr Crystal Jannecke, Registrar

Teaching Awards Dr Marianne Louw, Exec. Dean

Academic Awards Dr Marianne Louw, Exec. Dean

Against All Odds Award Mr Marcel Golding, Chairperson of

the CI Board of Directors

President's Award Prof Crain Soudien, CI President

Selected Artist

Ms Althea Kettledas and Mr

Marshall Jacobs

Vote of Appreciation Ms Beverley Dankers, Director of

Student Services

Please stand

The National Anthem: Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrica

Closing

The congregation remains standing.

The President dissolves the congregation.

Please remain standing for the formal ceremonial academic exit **Thank You.**



Welcome Message

Abdul-Basier Dramat Chief Executive Officer

Good morning esteemed guests, respected faculty, proud families, friends, and especially

our exceptional Graduands.

Today, we celebrate a significant milestone in your lives, the culmination of your hard work, resilience, and commitment. On behalf of Cornerstone Institute, it is my honour to welcome you to this special occasion, your graduation ceremony.

Graduation marks both an ending and a beginning. You are transitioning from the structured environment of higher education into a world that is, today, more dynamic than ever before. This new landscape, both here in South Africa and globally, is being reshaped by rapid technological advancements, the influence of artificial intelligence, and ever-evolving demands for creative solutions. It is a world of opportunity, where careers may shift quickly, and adaptability has become a prized skill.

Here at Cornerstone, we anticipated these changes. We understand that our graduates must go beyond the academic, you need to be thinkers, doers, and agents of change. Through your education, we have fostered not just knowledge but resilience, adaptability, and a strong ethical foundation. To meet the needs of this fast-paced world, you have learned to approach challenges with integrity, compassion, and respect, values we believe are indispensable.

The CEO of Naspers, a leader in innovation, said that innovation and adaptability will define our continent's future and that it's not just about

being technologically proficient, it is also about having the courage to lead, to keep learning, and to move forward even when the path isn't clear. You embody these qualities, and they will serve you well as you enter careers that may take unexpected turns, where problems do not always have clear solutions, and where your ability to think independently and creatively will be invaluable.

As Cornerstone graduates, you are prepared to engage with this world of change, to bring fresh perspectives and innovative thinking to the challenges before you. Your education has given you more than a degree; it has equipped you to lead, to drive positive change, and to contribute meaningfully to South Africa's development and beyond.

So, as you step into this new chapter, do so with confidence. The road ahead will have its challenges, but you are prepared to meet them with insight, purpose, and resilience. Cornerstone Institute is proud to have played a part in your journey, and we look forward to witnessing the impact you will make as professionals, leaders, and change-makers.

Congratulations to each of you!



Biography of our Graduation Speaker Marcel Golding Chairperson of Cornerstone Institute's Board of Directors

Marcel Golding was born in Johannesburg, educated in Cape Town, and graduated from the University of Cape Town.

Described as part of the 1976 generation, Marcel worked initially as a tutor and lecturer at UCT before joining the trade union movement, eventually becoming Deputy General Secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers. He was also one of 20 COSATU leaders who were elected to the first democratic parliament in 1994, after spending a year before that as the speechwriter for Nelson Mandela during the 1993-94 period, leading up to the general elections. After three years in parliament, he decided to leave to found together with a union colleague the first publicly traded union investment company on the JSE called HCI. He was the Executive Chairman for 17 years, during which time he also led the establishment of ETV, South Africa's first independent TV station. He left HCI and ETV in 2014 and now runs a family-owned business, which includes both private and public investments. Among those are Rex Trueform, Texton Property Group, and Vunani Financial Services. He played a role in rescuing Cornerstone Institute when it faced some challenges in its early years, some 10 years ago. He is the doting father of two children, Erin and Liam, who are his pride and joy.

About Cornerstone Institute

Vision

Teaching and learning in the service of others to advance human dignity and social justice for all.

Mission

Our integrative teaching approach inspires critical engagement, innovation, and research to generate knowledge that benefits humanity.

Values

Inclusivity	Excellence	Integrity
Unity	Respect	Creativity

Board of Directors

Mr Marcel Golding Chairperson

Mr Abdul-Basier Dramat Chief Executive Officer

Mr Edward Boateng Board member

Prof Lilian Dudley Board member

Dr Bernard Fanaroff Board member

Mr Mansoor Jaffer Board member

Mr Gary Jansen Board member

Dr Ncebakazi Mnukwana Board member

Dr Adrian Sayers Board member

Senior Management

Mr Abdul-Basier Dramat Chief Executive Officer

Dr Marianne Louw Executive Dean

Dr Crystal Jannecke Registrar

Dr Blaine Lomberg Chief Technology Officer

Ms Beverley Dankers Director of Student Services

Ms Adeliah Jacobs General Manager

Institutional Crest and Values

Different from the branding logo of an institution, the crest is the coat of arms of a higher education institution, and functions as its official seal. It represents the core values, mission, and identity of the institution. Therefore, while a branding logo may change from time to time, the coat of arms remains the same as long as possible and will only be reviewed when the institution makes a fundamental change to its values, mission, or identity.

Accordingly, in preparation for Cornerstone's 50th year and as the foundation for the next half-century of our existence, the board of directors in 2018 resolved to review the institutional crest. After much careful consideration of appropriate symbols, our new crest was launched at the graduation of 2020 as a declaration of our mission and values as a scholarly community.

Historical Context

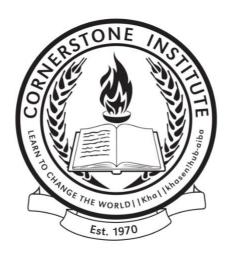
Cornerstone was originally founded in 1970 on the Cape Flats as the Cape Evangelical Bible Institute (CEBI). The institution provided theological

education for unqualified black and white pastors during apartheid when black South Africans were excluded from universities. Therefore, we are deeply rooted in South African history and local contexts as a transformative institution.

Historically, Cornerstone's ethical ethos has emphasised developing leaders with professional integrity and a desire to serve others. We continue to be committed to our core identity as a scholarly community, and our foundation of faith-based values.

The Symbolism of Our Crest

The crest reflects our core identity through our motto, expressed in English and Nama (institutional mission), our symbols of an open book (knowledge and learning), a wreath of wheat (growth and healing), a bowl of flames (leading together for transformation) wreaths of wheat, and the banner (legacy).



The **Nama translation of our motto** reflects that we want to learn from African communities and contribute to an African voice. We also seek to align ourselves with the broader process of building knowledge systems on the continent to affirm the proud place of our African voice in the world.

The **open book** represents human endeavours to acquire the knowledge and capability necessary to change the world. In the symbol, one side contains text, representing existing knowledge as a foundation for learning, while the other side is blank, symbolising the pursuit of new knowledge and the creation of a new world.

The **wreath of wheat** symbolises social, ecological, and historical rootedness and the growth and achievement that come from hard work and struggle. It also represents the belief that valuing people and healing the world is the ultimate purpose of knowledge and learning.

The **bowl** represents the tradition of collective leadership and community that characterises our African heritage. It symbolises our commitment as a scholarly community to shared leadership in the service of human dignity and social justice for diverse communities.

The **flames** represent enlightenment, truth, and rebirth. They symbolise the human becoming that flows from reflecting on, acquiring knowledge towards, and enacting justice.

The **banner with the year of establishment** represents the contributions of all the people and organisations that built Cornerstone into the proud institution it is today. We are grateful for their legacy as we continue the work.

Graduation Symbols

A graduation ceremony is the pinnacle of any student's studies. Years of effort by students and staff all culminate in this. The institution confers qualifications on students to show that they have completed their studies and are ready to join their scholarly and professional communities and to change the world. Graduation ceremonies follow age-old traditions and include symbols that represent achievement.

Academic Dress

Officials, lecturers, and students wear special academic attire at the graduation ceremony, consisting of gowns, hoods, and caps. Each of these has distinct colours and designs that indicate the unique roles of those who wear them.

Graduating students, the graduands, wear black gowns and square-shaped caps, called mortarboards. The mortarboards represent the trowels that bricklayers use in construction – a symbol of hard work.

Lecturers wear either black or red gowns, with hoods of assorted colours. The distinct colours of the hoods represent the discipline specialisations and the levels of qualification that the wearers have obtained. Faculty members with South African doctoral degrees traditionally wear red gowns. There are institutions which signify a doctoral qualification in other colours.

Hoods come from a practice from centuries ago, when learned clergy still walked from town to town to teach without reward. They wore a hood so that people could place food and gifts in it to sustain the teachers. The registrar drapes a hood over the shoulder of a student after they receive their qualification – this shows that they now join a community of learned servants of the people.

At Cornerstone, we continue to use gowns, hoods, and mortarboards to show our commitment to selfless service to others, and to change the world for the better.

Academic Procession

The academic procession refers to the ceremonial entrance of the office bearers and academic staff of the institution into the hall. The members of the procession represent the scholarly community that confers the qualifications. The procession is led by the academic president and chairperson of the board, followed by the chief executive officer, the executive dean, the registrar, the deputy dean of Student Development and Support, and the president of the Student Representative Council. The academic managers and faculty members (lecturers) follow behind them.

Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika

The academic procession enters the hall while the original version of the prayer *Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika*, composed by Enoch Sontonga in 1897, plays. The prayer song holds a significant place in the struggle for freedom of several African countries, including South Africa, and was taken up in several national anthems, including our own.

Capping

Students receive their qualification through capping, where the Cornerstone President touches the student on the head with a graduation cap to indicate that the qualification is conferred. This is the formal action of conferring the qualification.

When a student comes forward to receive their qualification, they enter



Graduands

- * Distinction
- ** Top student in programme

Higher Certificates

Jacobs, Zoé Laattoe. Nariman**

Titus, Joy

Mepeni, Nokubonga Anderson, Lauren Figlan, Fezeka Honey Higher Certificate in Community Counselling Higher Certificate in Community Counselling Higher Certificate in Community Counselling Higher Certificate in Community Development Higher Certificate in Business Studies Higher

Certificate in Business Studies

Bachelor of Arts

Adams. Liska Grace

Alaliwat, Manahel Anwar Abedali Abdulla*

Altern, Angela Caryl**
Bouwer, Talitha Annelize*
Calitz, Stephanie Juanita*
Cilliers, Dylan Jasson
Claasen, Gordon
Coetzee, Alisha*

Crafford, Jacqueline Louise Cranfield, Dominic Lee

Davids, Merlyn Daya, Ashiqui*

Dickinson, Mitchell Brett

Eden, Linda-Ann

Hannie, Kristen Chelsè

Herling, Sarita Justine*

Kelsey, Selah*

Long, Dawn Heather* Marr, Lisa Rochelle Masemola, Thulisile Mazizi, Lundi

Mudau, Hope Pfunzo

Mukeshimana, Huguette Byoseya Kamuhanda

Mulder, Johanné Parsons, Jaide Rachael Sanders, Firdows Splinter, Elton Andrew* van Zyl, Johannes Andreas* Wijtenburg, Jacqueline Rene

Bachelor of Theology in Community Leadership

Mthembu, Nokukhanya

Mumia, Moses Odhiambo

Bachelor of Commerce

Thomsen, Maxine*

Watson, Elsa**

Postgraduate Certificate in Education in Foundation Phase Teaching

Adams, Chelsea Jade* Adams, Nikita Nadine* Avenant, Chanté

Bakgethi, Boitshoko Patience

Bhamjee, Amira*
Botha, Jakomina Maria*
Bouwsema, Gerda*
Brand, Chanel*
Buttery, Nicole Ruby*
Challenor, Lana Theresa
Coetzee, Shauné*

Cresswell, Meghan Tracey*
Cupido. Tatum Diane

Currie, Sarah Dawood, Zainap de Klerk, Trohandi* de Wet, Anzelle

Deelman, Carmen Mishka* du Plessis, Ashleigh Morgan du Plessis, Ethan Dale du Toit, Hannah Charlotte

Duncan, Megan

Eckardt, Andrea Shoné Engelbrecht, Hannalise* Erlendsson, Sivan Elizabeth*

Frans, Jody Gabel, Gloria Dora George, Simone Govan, Nikita*

Govender, Celina Nicole Govender, Jeruska Herselman, Elri** Heydenrych, Janine Ann Maxiti, Lona

Meiklejohn, Kate Amber* Mfeka, Nolwazi Nosipho* Mileham, Chelsey-Ann Celine*

Miles, Sarah-Jane* Misra, Avadhna* Molathiwa, Charlotte Moollan, Robyn Allyson* Moses. Chelsea

Motau, Kedibone Khomotjo* Mtereko, Colleen Mildred

Mtsi. Sibulele

Mudhuviwa, Hazvinei Elma* Muller, Andrea Caurtney* Muthen, Megan Frances Mzonyane, Zintle

Naidoo, Aston Lee Naidoo, Delene Naidoo, Kivaniya

Naude, Jessica Hannah* Ndlovu, Nhlamazi Marlene

Nelson, Abigail Joy*

Ngutshane, Sandakahle Ntandoyenkosi

Onomu, Nothemba Sheila

Payne, Sarah*

Pietersen, Megan Reece Potgieter, Robyn Caitlin Potgieter, Marché

Rambau, Fhumulani Angel

Reid, Kim* Roberts, Kirsty

Rodgers, Gillian Natalie* Rossouw, Jessica* Hollinger, Megan*
Hulbert, Niquita Ann*
James, Masego Portia
Jenkins. Nicola Petronella

Jordaan, Martelize Kaja, Bibi Aaisha* Kajokoto, Tsitsi

Kgomo, Mmamokgatla Violet Khakhu, Awelani Dorcus

Kilian, Kayla-lee* Koeberg, Zoë Chelsie Labuschagne, Mia* Laing, Maike

Lekhula, Mpho Michael Lutawan, Thashmira Mabena, Millicent Maria Mabudu, Hulisani Gershwin Mackintosh, Victoria Dale* Mahaye, Londeka Precious Martin, Ingrid Catherine* Maselane, Blessing Hlengiwe Saal, Roxanne

Sampson, Esther Clare* Schoeman, Mignon* Schwarz, Celia Jane* Soosiwala, Nabeelah Steyn, Talia Savanna Sutherland, Megan Swartz, Moonyeen van Den Heever, Nadine* van Rensburg, Ionè Viret, Caron-Leigh Eustac

Viret, Caron-Leigh Eustacia
Wedermann, Candice Liane*
Weir-Jedaar, Kauthar
Whitfield, Rosanne Lynne*
Whitton, Chloe Rose*
Williams, Kyla Paige*
Williams, Monique*
Wood, Abigail Josephine*
Wridgway, Lesley Anne
Yonga, Nonkoliso Ester
Zwane. Ntandovenkosi Ruth

Postgraduate Certificate in Education in Intermediate Phase Teaching

Abdool, Sultana* Abrahams, Yumna Africa, Cameron Ivan

Baloyi, Maropeng Adelaide Barber, Jordan Leslie* Benade, Leanné* Bhagrathi, Kimara*

Boswaeng, Regomoditswe Princess

Botha, Mishka

Brooks, Dayle Keagan

Buys, Bianca*

Cooper, Melissa Caroline*

Cronin, Charné*

Davids, Chelseé Adriann

de Beer. Priscilla

de Beer. Hendrik Cornelius

de Beer, Matthew*

Moleko, Kelebogile

Moroalo, Mamotseki Rebecca

Motseo, Mokete Samuel

Myburgh, Melissa**

Nelamvi, Rotondwa Innocent Nkabinde. Khumbuzile Sizeni

Nkutha, Ntokozo Oelofse, Justin Keith Papenhagen, Annuschka Parker, Samantha Ann Paulsen, Jodie Ashleigh Pearl, Michelle Kelly*

Petersen, Joy

Phuravhathu, Vhugala Petunia

Pillay, Jayson*

Pokubye, Mapule Annah Rademeyer, Tamlyn Sharnick de Korte, Justin Onne Derman. Bronwyn*

Dhakana, Nandipha Beauty Fayers, Lé Kita Semone*

Forster, Julie-Anne*

Galahitiyawa, Talia Shayami Rebecca

Griesel, Daleen Griffin, Dylan Lloyd Gumede, Rassul Havenga, Abigail* Hofmeyer, Claudia

Humphrey, Georgia Kay Christine

James, Brandon

Jansen Van Rensburg, Cornelius Petrus*

Kamasho, Margaret Lerato*

Kilian, Jessica Joy* Labuschagne, Taryn* Lalla, Niko Pravin* Lambrechts, Suné* le Roux, Sally Claire* Lesesa, Kamogelo

Lojane, Molebedi Ontlametse

Lourens, Irene Mabhena. Thethelela

Magadlela. Sandra Nomxolisi

Magana, Livhuwani

Maisela, Thato Perseverence Maja, Ramadimetja Tolarence Maluleke, Shadrack Joseph

Mantoua, Natasja

Marikhele, Muneiwa Michelle* Mathebula, Xichavo Achieve Mbhele, Nokubonga Babhekile Mbuli, Mthokozisi Given Mc Gregor, Rachel*

Melane, Kuhle Michaels, Tacha Mnisi, Rirhandzu

Moirwagale, Botshelo Theophillus Paul

Mokhobo, Mcdonald

Rheeder, Tiffany Ché Richmond, Joyce Frances Rilityana, Aphiwe Okuhle Rinkwest, Kayleigh Catelin Robyntjies, Nathan Jevon Rossouw. Wessel Jacobus

Sarang, Aaminah* Sayed, Zaakira* Scheepers, Angelique Scriven, Catherine Maree* Sheik Abdulla, Nabilah* Shrivastava, Shiva Rajiv Siboza, Sihle Nolwazi Nandi

Slater, Tarren Smith, Waheedah Smith, Jared Sam Solomons, Amber

Steenkamp, Elizabeth Louretha

Strydom, Melissa

Swartz, Ryan Christopher* Swartz, Aiden Warren Terblanche, Chantelle*

Thobejane, Maatshwene Precious

Thomas, Dawie*

Tsatsinyane, Galaletsang Matshidiso

Tshabalala, Sindisiwe Tshisamhiri, Kelotlhoko

van Schalkwyk, Josie Julienne Havana*

van Wyk, Chante-Lize Sonia van Wyk, Annika Jacoba* van Wyk, Taryn Amy van Zyl, Christiaan Gerrit Venter, Jan-Hendrik Webb, Jessica Leigh* Wippenaar, Claire Rae Wragg, Gareth Morgan*

Xamntwana, Nombulelo Florence Zayedwa, Thandiwe Gracious Zwiegers, Herman Michael

Bachelor of Arts Honours in Psychology

Abeln, Hannah* Bekker, Shaylee* Bovim, Chloé Anne**

Butler, Mira*
Chauke, Megan
Coetzee, Anschke
Cunningham, Tiffany-Joy
Damon, Laquesha Cleo
de Pontes, Skye Vera*
Devy, Skye Nadege
Diogenidis, Chelsea*

Dreyer, Megan*
Dubulekwele, Busisiwe
Engelbrecht, Armand
Ganief, Firdaus
Jacobs, Faris
Jenkins, Amy*
Job, Tamenson Joy
Khumalo. Ntombenhle

Lebeko, Amogelang Mafolo, Onkarabetse Mary

Knibbs, Mikayla*

Magerman, Shalitha Malherbe, Rochelle Mokitimi, Tumelo Khahliso Mtebele, Mbali Qaqamba

Mtselu, Gabriel Ndzululeka, Ayanda Padayachee, Kaitlin* Pereira, Gabriella Pieterse, Jurgens Louis

Robertson, Sophie Helen Bulbring Saldanha, Carl-David Sandile Saul, Naa'irah Mareldia

Selepe, Kelebogile Koketso

Sikhosana, Mesuli van der Merwe, Mia* van Kerken, Anzél* van Staden, Lizane* Velebayi, Asiphe Vumazonke, Axola Wilson, Ronique Robin

Wolfaardt, Sarah Claire*

Bachelor of Arts Honours in Psychology (BPsych Equivalent)

Dodi, Xolani Mzola, Nathi

Bachelor of Arts Honours in Community Development

Benjamin, Bilgees Phillips, Khanyisile

Merit Awards

Teaching Awards

The Teaching Award recognises teaching excellence in line with Cornerstone Institute's values. All permanent and adjunct faculty who lectured during the relevant period are eligible for nomination.

Two award categories per semester are presented at every graduation:

- Teaching excellence in the contact (on-campus) delivery mode
- Teaching excellence in the distance (online) delivery mode.

Academic Award

The Academic Award is presented to the highest achiever in each type of qualification in a particular graduating cohort. To be eligible for the award, students must complete their qualification in the minimum time required.

Against All Odds Award

The Against All Odds Award recognises a student who overcame unusual challenges to qualify for graduation. Eligible candidates must have demonstrated courage, determination, and integrity, and be in good standing with the Cornerstone community.

President's Award

The President's Award is presented to the graduating student who best represents Cornerstone's core values. Eligible candidates are not necessarily top academic achievers but must have demonstrated

consistency of character, active involvement in the broader community, upport of fellow students, and spiritual, social, and academic acuity.		
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National Anthem of South Africa

Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika Maluphakanyisw' uphondo lwayo Yizwa imithandazo yethu Nkosi sikelela; thina lusapho lwayo

Morena boloka sechaba sa heso O fedise dintwa le matswenyeho, O se boloke, o se boloke Sechaba sa heso Sechaba sa South Africa South Africa!

Uit die blou van onse hemel
Uit die diepte van ons see
Oor ons ewige gebergtes
Waar die kranse antwoord gee

Sounds the call to come together

And united we shall stand

Let us live and strive for freedom

In South Africa, our land!

Welcome, Cornerstone Alumni!

Today is the beginning of a new phase in your relationship with Cornerstone Institute. Our alumni are our bedrock, and we aim to build this institution to new heights with your support.

We are proud of our inclusive and diverse learning community, of which you are now part. Collectively, we remain committed to transformative scholarship, expanding its impact across South Africa and the world.

We want to remain connected to you. Please stay in touch with us and let us know when any of your contact details change.

You can email us at <u>alumni@cornerstone.ac.za</u> and we look forward to continued engagement with you!



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