



# ST DAVID'S MARIST INANDA

19 January 2022

Dear St David's Parents and Community

"*Hallelujah!*" - Leonard Cohen's lyrics are performed so passionately by Nkoliseko Nyubuse (vocals) and Christopher Leisewitz (piano), in a video ([click here](#)) celebrating the Marist journey of our most recent old boys. Significantly, the song references both trials and victories, challenges and successes, and ultimately great joy. This mirrors the journey of our matriculating class and our joy as we celebrate and give thanks for the achievements of our 2021 Matric Class in the IEB results announced today.

"*Hallelujah*," is a refrain worthy of times of celebration, mourning, regret, catharsis, and reconciliation. Given the Covid-19 disruptions of the critical final two years of their schooling, many of our boys faced significant challenges. They responded well to the quality online learning and support received at St David's, and achieved excellence across the board.

Our pride in the Class of 2021 comes not only from these results, but from the resilience they showed and the camaraderie they shared. The skills and character built over this time have equipped them well for a world requiring agility, creativity, problem-solving, kindness and empathy. This is a time for our top academic achievers to shine, as we celebrated sporting and cultural achievements during the year. We are equally proud of every boy whose final results reflect their own personal victories to achieve at their best levels. These individual stories cannot all be told, but every boy knows the challenges they faced and conquered to get to this point. Our success as a school comes from the quality of men we send into the world, and the character they carry with them.

The journey to these results was no less challenging for their dedicated and passionate teachers and supportive families. The adults in our community have nurtured our boys, often in the midst of their own fear and anxiety, and in a time when so little has been within our control. Our community continues to deal with grief, trauma and illness, and the impact of Covid on all aspects of life. We hope that being able to celebrate these young men's individual and collective achievements encourages each one of us to join Nkoliseko's voice in saying (or singing) '*Hallelujah!*'.

Two years of a global pandemic has highlighted and exacerbated the deep divide that continues to exist in our South African society. We continue to look for ways to increase access to quality education at St David's, believing that the young men matriculating from our school are equipped to find solutions to the systemic issues that perpetuate societal inequalities. Like we did last year, the St David's Marist Foundation has created a fund in the name of the Class of 2021 to achieve this, and the school will again limit spend on marketing matric results, donating savings as seed money into this fund. A fine way to honour our matriculants and start a ripple effect for the future. St David's remains committed to both educational excellence and access and we invite those who believe in the same imperatives to collaborate with us to extend our education to those needing it most. Through the generosity of so many in our community and from businesses sharing this vision, our Foundation has committed over R4 million in bursary funding to the school for 2022.

The song "*Hallelujah*" talks, like our school motto, to doing our best - *Confortare esto vir / Take courage and be a man*, which is appropriately taken from a verse (1 Kings 2:2) in which David charges his own son to be strong and courageous in facing the challenges and trials he will face as a leader. We charge the Class of 2021 to continue their journey beyond the gates of St David's with courage, and in faith, knowing they will make a real and lasting impact on the world as Marist men and leaders.

Congratulations to every matriculant and thank you to all who supported them on their journey through St David's Marist Inanda. The exceptional results which follow are testimony to our faith, our resilience and our support of each other. We can indeed celebrate together!

Yours in Marist education,

Mike Thiel  
Executive Headmaster

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# St David's Marist Inanda MATRIC 2021 TOP ACHIEVERS

100% PASS RATE 94% BACHELOR DEGREE PASS RATE

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DISTINCTIONS

*Mohamed Zidan Cassim*



**IEB OUTSTANDING ACHIEVER**

- Top 1% of Candidates in Accounting
- Top 1% of Candidates in English

8

DISTINCTIONS



*Joshua Dacre*



*Kabir Misri*



*Matthew Shahim*

**IEB OUTSTANDING ACHIEVER**

- Top 1% of Candidates in Accounting
- Top 1% of Candidates in Afrikaans
- Top 1% of Candidates in CAT
- Top 1% of Candidates in IT
- Top 1% of Candidates in Mathematics
- Top 1% of Candidates in Physical Sciences



*Warwick Brown*



*Mateen Ismail*



*Dale van der Merwe*



*Lukas van der Merwe*



*Jacob Walbeck*

7

DISTINCTIONS

Top 1% of  
Candidates in Life  
Orientation

**IEB COMMENDABLE ACHIEVER**

- Top 1% of Candidates in Afrikaans
- Top 1% of Candidates in Business Studies
- Top 1% of Candidates in Life Orientation

6

DISTINCTIONS



*Matthew Bester*



*Daniel Ferriman-Else*



*Josh Jacobs*



*Joshua Maroun*



*Yaseen Mayet*



*Matthew Rathbone*



*Adam Simpson*



*Matthew Stephenson*

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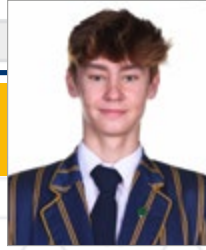
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*Nathan Berlin*



*Rohan Bhatt*



*Ross Jackson*

Top 1% of Candidates in  
History



*Jordan Nunes*

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DISTINCTIONS



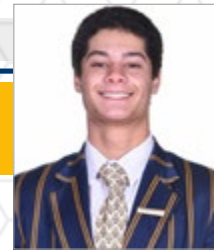
*Nicholas Allemann*



*Joshua Botha*



*Mohammed  
Azhar Cassim*



*Abilio Demetrio*



*Mohammed Haffejie*



*Brian Hudson*



*Matthew  
Maccelari*



*Nkoliseko  
Nyubuse*



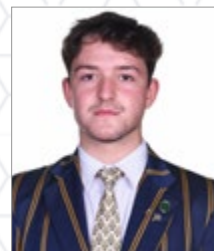
*Boluwatife  
Orimoloye*



*Kaelin  
Poovalingam*



*James Sheridan*



*Pablo Viudez*



*Luke King*

Top 1% of Candidates in  
Mathematical Literacy



*Kian Kinnear*

Top 1% of Candidates in  
Mathematical Literacy

ADDITIONAL TOP

1%

OF CANDIDATES PER SUBJECT

*Confortare esto vir. Take courage and be a man.*



## ST DAVID'S MARIST INANDA MATRIC 2021 IEB RESULTS OVERVIEW

**IN CELEBRATING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND THE PERSEVERANCE OF ALL OUR BOYS, WE ARE VERY PROUD OF THE RESULTS ACHIEVED BY OUR MATRIC CLASS OF 2021, HEADLINED AGAIN BY A 100% PASS RATE WITH A 94% BACHELOR DEGREE PASS RATE.**

### IEB TOP ACHIEVERS

**Two boys were rated in the IEB Outstanding Achiever category  
One boy was rated in the Commendable Achiever category.**

#### Boys in Top 1% of Candidates per subject:

2 boys in Accounting	1 boy in Information Technology
2 boys in Afrikaans	2 boys in Life Orientation
1 boy in Business Studies	2 boys in Mathematical Literacy
1 boy in Computer Application Technology	1 boy in Mathematics
1 boy in English	1 boy in Physical Sciences
1 boy in History	

### ST DAVID'S TOP ACHIEVERS

One boy achieved 10 distinctions	8 boys achieved 6 distinctions
3 boys achieved 8 distinctions	4 boys achieved 5 distinctions
5 boys achieved 7 distinctions	12 boys achieved 4 distinctions

### DISTINCTIONS

A collective 283 Distinctions were achieved by 131 full time and 2 part time candidates. Nine of our boys achieved a 'full house' of distinctions (7 or more subjects above 80%), with 72% of the class achieving at least one distinction.

### SUBJECT DISTINCTION RATES

Accounting (44%)	Life Orientation (32%)
Business (37%)	Maths Literacy (62%)
Engineering Graphics & Design (33%)	Mathematics (45%)
History (30%)	Physical Sciences (33%)
Information Technology (41%)	Visual Arts (45%)

Our strong results across a broad spectrum of subjects in the Sciences, Business, Humanities and the Arts are indicative of the subject offering at St David's which allows for boys to study and achieve in an exceptionally wide range of interests, opening up study opportunities in all faculties and fields. With strong results in our South African language offerings of English, isiZulu and Afrikaans, our boys are well equipped for tertiary studies.

### COMBINATION OF A'S AND B'S PER SUBJECT

75% of boys who wrote Accounting achieved either an A or B  
71% of boys who wrote Business Studies achieved either an A or B  
70% of boys in the Commerce department achieved either an A or B  
70% of boys who wrote Life Orientation achieved either an A or B  
70% of boys who wrote Mathematics achieved either an A or B  
88% of boys who wrote Mathematical Literacy achieved either an A or B  
76% of boys who wrote Physical Science achieved either an A or B

**30% of all our symbols across all subjects were A's**

### SUBJECT AVERAGES

**Subjects that achieved an average of 75% or higher**

Accounting	Mathematical Literacy	Physical Sciences
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**Subjects that achieved an average of 70% or higher (in addition to those above)**

Business Studies	History	Life Sciences
Dramatic Arts	Information Technology	Mathematics
English	Life Orientation	Visual Arts