

SAASSAP

South African Association of
Senior Student Affairs Professionals

Message from SAASSAP President 2022

I would like to express my sincere and humble gratitude to the Deans, Directors and Executive Directors who, as part of the South African Association of Senior Student Affairs Professionals (SAASSAP) collective, deemed it fit to have me continue as the President of our august Association.

In 2008, SAASSAP re-committed itself in reformulating its approach in aggrandizing the Higher Education Student Life Experience across universities in South Africa. With the ever-changing high education sector, compounded by, *inter alia*, the global COVID-19 pandemic, we find ourselves having to rethink and reimagine the way we work.

COVID-19 changed the way in which we live, work and play and as such, had a profound effect on University student-centric programmes in relation to Student Affairs. We have had to be innovative in enriching the student life experience through revised strategies and thought processes that ensure that we as Student Affairs professionals meet the necessary milestones and goals in advancing a vibrant co-curricular experience for our students.

With our mission primarily being to articulate, direct, and actualise holistic student growth, development and success in the South African Higher Education, it is imperative that we capacitate our senior professionals within the sector in ensuring that we shift the offerings in our universities in preparing students for life outside of their institutions of study.

As we reach our 21st year of existence this year as a leading organisation in Student Affairs, we envision that the year will bring with it heightened change in higher education as we redirect our focus, post-COVID, in bringing forth strategic implementation of programmes and management practices that ensure holistic growth and development of those who need it most, our students.



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