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## Siyaphumelela Journey

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# Student Success Journey

- What does it mean to have support? – create a sense of belonging, shapes careers and inform decisions
- Why do we need support? – to articulate ourselves
- Support I made use of – SI, mentorship programmes, Emthonjeni Wellness, writing support, Student Success Coaching
- Career plans then? And now? – Forester, Academic & researcher
- How my life background prepared me/challenged my academic journey?

# Lessons learned from Siyaphumelela 2.0

- **Sustainability** - ideally seed funding; dependency on Siyaphumelela funds not ideal for larger projects; new projects require capacity
- **Expenditure vs reach** – expensive projects with limited reach requires redesign or funding outside Siyaphumelela
- Regular activity lead **reflective sessions** needed - project guidance, data check-in, networking, support
- **Focused approach needed**– driven by data, institutional needs, and long-term benefits
- **Strengthen the safety net**

# Siyaphumelela 3.0

- Less projects and more focused interventions
- 3 Focus areas based on student and institutional need
- **Student Success Research** – addressing long-term matters of concern, e.g. African/Coloured male throughput; PG access and throughput
- **HIP core module development** – Mandela Way for Students (bridging gap between curricular and co-curricular towards graduate development)
- **Targeted transition support interventions**, e.g. Q1-3 mentoring; Student Journal Project (Less funding – larger reach/scaling)

Thank you

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