



NWU STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2026

PROGRAMME

ANEW Resort Hunters Rest Rustenburg

Presented by the North-West University Student Leadership Academy

THURSDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2026

TIME	THEME
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Arrival and check-in

11:00 - 14:00 Arrival, summit registration and check-in (**Student attendees only)

Summit Workshop

14:00 - 14:30 Arrival at the Summit

14:30 - 16:30 Summit workshop for student leaders (**Student attendees only)

16:30 - 18:00 Preparation for gala dinner

Gala Dinner Theme: Heritage Day

17:45 - 18:00 Arrival time

18:00 - 19:00 Entertainment

"Through the hourglass: leading with purpose and presence"

19:00 - 19:45 Dr Joe Molete
(DVC: Student Life, Transformation, and People & Culture)

19:45 - 20:30 Dinner

20:30 - 22:00 Networking, photos and entertainment

FRIDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2026

TIME	THEME	SPEAKER/FACILITATOR
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07:30 - 08:30 Breakfast (**Student attendees only)

MAIN SUMMIT PROGRAMME

Master of Ceremonies: Prof Lerato Mdaka

08:30 - 09:00 Arrival (**All attendees)

09:00 - 09:10 Welcoming and setting the scene

Prof Lerato Mdaka

09:10 - 09:20 Official opening of the NWU Student Leadership Summit

Dr Joe Molete
DVC: Student Life, Transformation, and People & Culture

09:20 - 09:45 Address from the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the NWU

Prof Mzubanzi Bismark Tyobeka
Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the NWU

09:45 - 10:00 Reflecting on student leadership development and growth

Juan-Ri (Potgieter) Schutte
Manager: Student Leadership Academy

10:00 - 10:30 Questions and Answers

10:30 - 11:30 Your leadership lens: connecting with intention

Yolandi Pietersen
NWU Alumna, and managing director of Lumina Advisory

11:30 - 12:00 Questions and Answers

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch

13:00 - 14:00 Insights on international best practices for student leadership and development

International university attendees

14:00 - 14:30 Questions and Answers

14:30 - 16:00 Facilitated panel discussion on student leadership and its role in driving change within the higher education sector

- Suzanne Paxton
NWU Alumna and award-winning journalist
- Thuso Molefi
SRC alumna
- NWU Student Representatives
- International Student Representatives

16:00 - 16:30 Concluding remarks

16:30 Departure