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Lwando Yandisa Majiza,

**Personal Details**

Name:  
Date of birth:  
Sex:  
Nationality:  
Address:

Interests: Avid reader, inquisitive researcher, writing (academic and other purposes), cricket and board game fanatic.

**Formal Education & Training**

2019: University of Pretoria/ UNISA LLB (in progress)  
2007: Bizana Senior Secondary School, Matric (university exemption)

**Work Experience**

2015 – 2019

*Organisation:* South African Students' Congress (SASCO)  
*Location:* Johannesburg, South Africa  
*Position:* Secretary General and National Organiser

*Key responsibilities:*

- Strategic direction and development of organizational campaigns and programme of action
- Compiling reports on organizational targets and development
- Coordinating national strategic meetings for planning, evaluation and review of organizational decisions and activities
- Coordinating higher education policy inputs on matters such as funding framework, admissions

- Leading and coordinating annual nation-wide activities and campaigns to ensure a seamless registration and access across all institutions of higher learning (Right to Learn Campaign) and overseeing election campaigns for new student representative councils across the country.
- Leading communications and media liaising functions such as compiling media statements, factsheets, feature articles and conducting interviews for different platforms (tv and radio)
- Managing, coordinating and responsible for staff in the national office
- Local, national and international networking with student and youth organizations in different parts of the world

#### 2013- 2015

*Organisation:* University of Pretoria  
*Location:* Pretoria, South Africa  
*Position:* Member of Senate Review Committee on Readmissions

#### *Key responsibilities:*

- Student representative tasked with reviewing student readmission applications.

#### 2012 – 2014

*Organisation:* City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality, Ward 56  
*Location:* Pretoria, South Africa  
*Position:* Ward Committee member (education, sports and recreation)

#### *Key responsibilities:*

- Ensuring that youth interests around education, sports and recreation find expression and articulation in the Integrated Development Plans
- Coordinating plans and liaising with the municipality and the community on sports development and education as well as organizing activities and events on sports and education-related matters
- Ensuring active participation of young people in matters that affect the ward

#### 2010(August-October)

*Organisation:* Danone world under 12 Nations World Cup  
*Location:* Pretoria, South Africa

*Position:* Event Assistant personnel

*Key responsibilities:* liaison with team managers and organizers of the event.  
Ensuring the safety and coordination of young participants

### **Activism and leadership**

*As a social activist, I have had the opportunity to hold different leadership roles in an elected and appointed capacity. Below are some examples.*

2007	Bizana Senior Secondary School, member of the Learner Representative Council.
2006-2007	Bizana Senior Secondary, Captain, Under 17 Cricket Club
2010-2012	ANC Youth League (University of Pretoria), Deputy Chairperson
2009-2011	University of Pretoria Wesley Guild, Recording Secretary
2011	Federation of Ethical Youth Leadership, Vice-Chairperson
2010-2011	Black Lawyers Association Student Chapter (University of Pretoria), Chairperson
2012-2013	National Black Lawyers Association Student Chapter, Treasurer General
2009-2010	South African Students' Congress (University of Pretoria), Secretary
2012-2013	South African Students' Congress (Tshwane), Regional Secretary.
2014-2015	South African Students' Congress (Gauteng), Provincial Secretary,

### **Summary of key areas of competency and specialisation**

***Coordinating and managing major projects and campaigns with a national footprint:***  
Over 5 years' experience in coordinating and leading projects and campaigns with a national footprint in the higher education sector. This includes managing budgets, logistics and mass mobilisation, communication and media messaging.

**Stakeholder relations, negotiation and mediation:** Experience with representing students' and workers' interests and liaising with management at various universities and training institutions as well as government. Undertaking pioneering work to position TVET colleges as institutions of choice for young people across the country and building organisational presence in rural and peri-urban areas.

**Policy formulation, participation in ideational space and conferences:** Protracted experience in participating in various conferences and platforms where policy is formulated these include written presentations to the judicial commission on Fees, the South African Union of Students, the Black Lawyers association, participation in the National Education Crisis Committee and various other platforms which have led to major policy shifts in the sector. I have also written articles for Moithuti online journal and other SASCO internal discussion documents to expand on knowledge production and capacity building.

**Commitment towards formal education:** Having completed 90 percent of the prescribed modules for the LLB degree with the University of Pretoria and pursuing a completion with UNISA is testament to the conviction to obtain the LLB degree. Continued participation in community outreach programmes, the black lawyers' association events and tutelage of various practising advocates and attorneys in their professional work is encouragement towards completion.

#### References

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