

STUDENTS' CHRISTIAN ORGANISATION

MIPC NEWSLETTER FOR THE TERM 2025/26

NEWSLETTER

TENDING THE SHEEP



MIPC 2025/26

Reaching Students for Christ

A look at 2026

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“If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”

John 13:17 **BACKGROUND**

Where SCO comes from

The Students' Christian Organisation (SCO) was formed through the merger of the Students' Christian Movement (SCM) and the Students Christian Association (SCA) on 5 July 1997, at a meeting of both councils at Fort Hare University. An interim constitution was adopted for a period of two years. On 3 July 1999, the first national constitution was adopted by the SCO National Council. The constitution is to be read together with the document entitled "Standing Orders of SCO Policy Documents."

VISION OF THE YEAR • 2025/26

Tending the Sheep

The vision of the year is found in John 13:12–17. Jesus kneels to wash the feet of His disciples, an act of humility, service and love. If our Lord and Teacher was willing to serve in this way, we too are called to serve one another.

John 13:12–17

LEADERSHIP

2025/26 Branch Executive Committee

Branch Chairperson	Sewadawada Pfano
Deputy Chairperson (FOC)	Rakoma Tendani
Branch Secretary	Khubutlo Xichavo Livia
Branch Treasurer	Shiburi Mahlatsi
EOC	Ramano Kamo Pearl
ADO	Ngwenya Amanda Nokwazi

SAO	Nemutanzhela Lutendo Junior
Music Director	Mlambo Hope Ayanda
MIPC	Nyathi Vutivi
SCC	Mashele Vumbiwa

. Your Outgoing leaders.

FIRST GATHERING

Opening Function

The Students' Christian Organisation (SCO) at the University of Venda held its Opening Function on 14 March 2026 at D Block (D01). After the December recess, students came together again for a time of worship. The event also introduced students to SCO and this year's theme, "Tending the Sheep." It was a nice start to the year, and we give thanks to the Lord for it.

14 MARCH 2026

Reaching Students
Christ.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Academic Symposium

22 March 2026

On 22 March 2026, the ADO hosted an Academic Symposium celebrating the academic excellence of the congregation.

Certificates were prepared

for students who obtained distinctions in the previous semester, while the top three were recognised with study materials, certificates and medals. The event brought together faith and academic excellence at the University of Venda.





University of Venda
Creating Future Leaders



STUDENTS' CHRISTIAN ORGANISATION
PRESENTS

OPENING FUNCTION



DATE:	TIME:	VENUE
14 MARCH 2026	13:30	D BLOCK (D01)



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for



Celebrating excellence, encouraging discipline and keeping faith at the centre.

Combined Sunday Service

On 19 April 2026, SCO hosted a Combined Sunday Service with our sister churches, A.O.G. UNIVEN (Assemblies of God) and Christ Tabernacle. Hosted at the cafeteria, the service drew one of the largest crowds seen on campus during the year. The collaboration strengthened our relationships with fellow campus churches and reminded us of the joy of worshipping together.

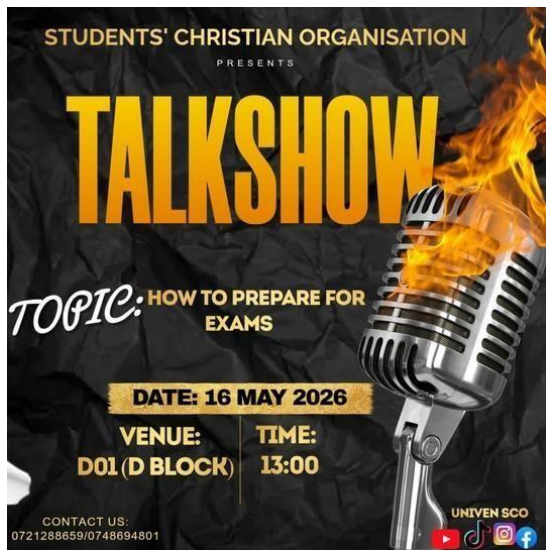
19 APRIL 2026

ACADEMIC SUPPORT



How to Prepare for Exams

EXAM TALKSHOW • 16 MAY 2026



In preparation for the first-semester exams, the ADO hosted a talkshow on how to prepare for exams. Guest speakers shared different study approaches and helped students think about which methods work best for them.

The session gave many members practical encouragement ahead of the June exams. Afterwards, snacks were served and stationery was provided so students had some of the essentials they needed to do their best.

Prepare well. Pray well. Pass well.

Celebrating Graduates

18–22 MAY 2026

The final two weeks of May were graduation season at the University of Venda, and UNIVEN SCO had more than a dozen alumni graduating. We celebrated our brothers and sisters in Christ, showing up in numbers to honour what they had accomplished, endured and overcome. God is good!



Exam Prayer • 15 May 2026

SCO was blessed to welcome Bishop Elijah Mtleni as guest pastor for two days. During the Exam Prayer service, he taught students about the “Delilahs” of the world. The gathering became a final moment of spiritual preparation before the exams.

“The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him.” — Nahum 1:7

Bible Study Picnic

11 JULY 2026

The Office of the SCC, together with the Office of the EOC, organised a Bible Study Picnic behind the library at the University of Venda. The day combined Bible games, challenges, study discussions and open conversations

designed to help students engage with Scripture in a relaxed setting. Snacks, drinks and food made the day even more enjoyable.



CELEBRATION **Gala Dinner** 18 JULY 2026

On 18 July 2026, the Offices of the FOC, BT and ADO hosted a Gala Dinner—one of the standout events of the term. Guest artists J-Ross and Ndindoo were present, alongside SCO UNIVEN alumni. It was an evening of celebration, connection and fun💖.

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GALA Dinner

THEME: HOMECOMING

NDINDOO **J ROSS**

GUEST ARTISTS

SATURDAY
JULY 18TH
2026

TIME: **17:00**

VENUE: LECTURE HALL 1 (EDUCATION BUILDING)

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE
PRICE: R250 PER PERSON | DEPOSIT: R100
TRANSFER TO: CAPITEC | ACCOUNT NUMBER: 1833945687

THEME COLOURS:
BLACK & NUDE

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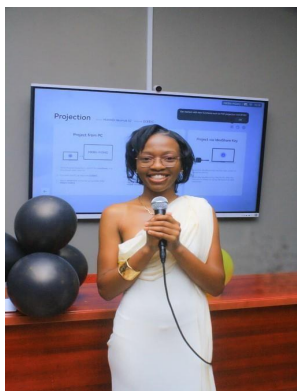
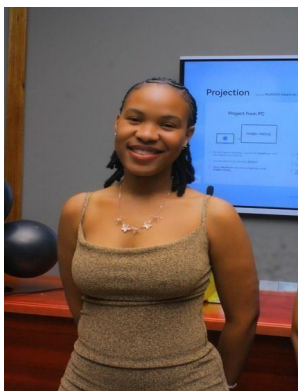
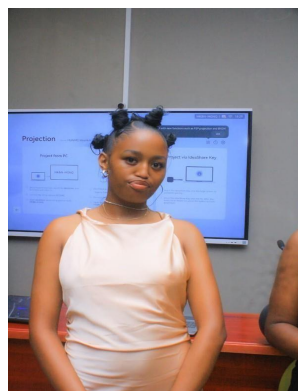
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A few moments from the Dinner



Movie Day & Music Night



MOVIE DAY • 01 AUGUST 2026

The MIPC organised a free Movie Day at the UNIVEN Senate Chamber. Students watched the Christian film War Room, with free drinks and snacks provided. A quiz followed the screening, with snacks as prizes.

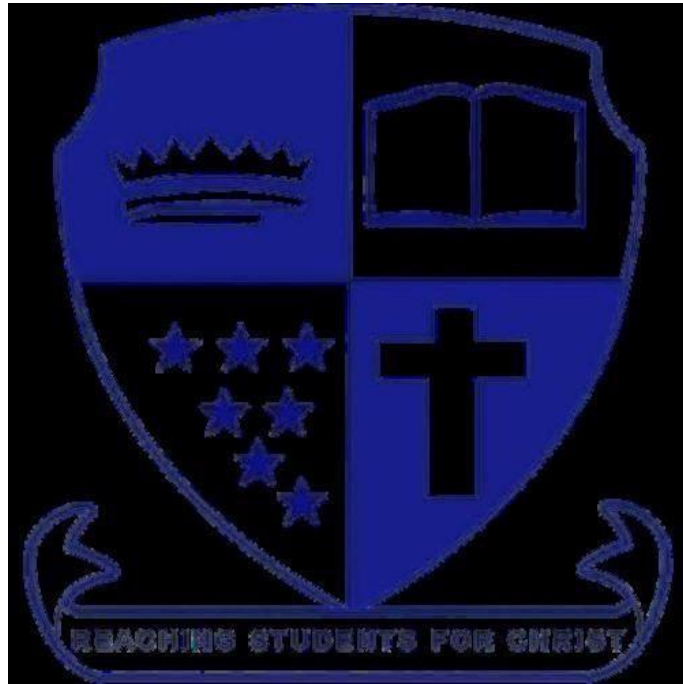
MUSIC NIGHT • 15 AUGUST 2026

The Music Director hosted Music Night on 15 August 2026.

The program featured guest artists including Minister Lufuno Dagada, Khahule Prosper, Minister Bridget R, Uhone Kay, Pride, Sigama and more.

THANK YOU

May the Lord bless you all.



This newsletter marks the end of the term 2025/2026 at SCO. It was an honour to serve as your MIPC

Yours in Christ, Vutivi Nyathi