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UCT law student selected for the prestigious Schwarzman scholarship

UCT postgraduate law student, Lindokuhle Ntuli, has been chosen among the 142 Schwartzman Scholars from all over the world. Ntuli, a lawyer with a Bachelor of Laws Degree (LLB) succeeded in the rigorous selection process to be part of the third cohort of this scholarship that attracted over 4 000 applicants.

The Class of 2019 comprises students from 39 countries and 97 universities – with 41% from the United States, 20% from China and 39% from the rest of the world. The Scholars will enrol at Schwarzman College for a Master's degree programme on the Tsinghua University campus in Beijing in August 2018.

Ntuli's inclusion in this highly acclaimed Class of 2019 demonstrates the calibre of UCT's law graduates and entrenches the institution's reputation as being among the finest in the world.

"I hope to maximise the experience, opportunities and networks for the betterment of society," remarked Ntuli.

The Schwartzman Scholarship founder, Stephen A. Schwarzman, said: "This class represents the growth of the Schwarzman Scholars network. It has been incredible to see the programme expand to 13 new countries and 51 new universities included in the Class of 2019. Meeting these people from all over the world, who at such a young age have already started to make an impact in their respective fields, has been truly inspiring."

Ntuli is an active and accomplished leader who has grasped the opportunity to develop his leadership skills. He is a former Student Representative Council (SRC) leader. As SRC president at the University of the Free State (UFS) where he did his LLB, he successfully led a fundraising campaign that raised over R1.2 million to fund poor and academically deserving students in 2016.

The 142 Scholars were selected through a rigorous application process designed to evaluate proven intellectual and academic ability, as well as leadership potential and strength of

character. The selection process relies on readers from different regions and backgrounds who can provide insights to identify the highest level of leadership and academic excellence.

Schwarzman Scholars counts among the Class of 2019 an exemplary group of individuals including a student, Justus Uwayesu orphaned by ethnic genocide in Rwanda who worked his way toward a scholarship at Harvard University.

Global Director of Admissions, Robert Garris said: "Our next class brings together another group of young leaders who have the demonstrated ability to bridge differences in background, professions, and perspectives through their leadership on campus and in the workplace. They will be a dynamic part of the Tsinghua community and through their very different careers paths will help ensure peaceful and prosperous relationships between China and the rest of the world."

Please click <u>here</u> to view the full list of Schwarzman Scholars. To watch a short video highlighting the experience of Schwarzman Scholars, please click <u>here</u>.

Notes to editors:

Schwarzman Scholars was inspired by the Rhodes Scholarship, which was founded in 1902 to promote international understanding and peace, and is designed to meet the challenges of the 21st century and beyond. Blackstone Co-Founder Stephen A. Schwarzman personally contributed over \$100 million to the programme and is leading a fundraising campaign to raise an additional \$500 million from others to endow the programme in perpetuity. Scholars chosen for this highly selective programme have demonstrated exemplary leadership qualities and their potential to bridge and understand cultural and political differences.

They will live in Beijing for a year of study and cultural immersion, attending lectures, traveling, and developing a better understanding of China. Learn more at: http://www.schwarzmanscholars.org/

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