

## **JULIA ASHLEY HAMPTON -THE DIOCESAN COLLEGE RHODES SCHOLAR ELECT FOR 2018**

Julia attended Herschel Girls' School where she matriculated in 2014 with nine distinctions for the National Senior Certificate and was the Western Cape's top candidate for English Home Language and on the Premier of the Western Cape's Matric Merit List for overall academic achievement. At school she participated in swimming, netball and was the First Team Water Polo Captain, earning her Provincial Colours for three years in a row. Having engaged enthusiastically in multiple dimensions of University of Cape Town (UCT) life and beyond, in April 2018 Julia was awarded a Bachelor of Arts Degree majoring in English Language & Literature, Economics and Economic History, with distinction in all three of these areas. She is currently reading for the BCom Honours in Economics at UCT.

Julia wishes to undertake the MPhil in Development Studies at Oxford. From this she hopes to become better equipped to unleash the energy and passion of South African communities: integrating people from all socioeconomic backgrounds at the centre of South Africa's economy and at the centre of development discourse more broadly. She currently leads the Non-Profit/Public Benefit Organisation, Phaphama Small Enterprise Development Initiative, which links student consultants from UCT to business owners in Khayelitsha and Philippi. For recreation Julia socialises with family and friends, loves reading, painting and writing and derives great meaning from a creative engagement with the people and nature around her.