



**DESTINY  
LEADERSHIP  
ACADEMY**

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**INVESTING** IN YOUNG ADULTS BY  
SHAPING **LEADERS** THROUGH  
ADVENTURE AND **OPPORTUNITIES**





## PERSONAL NOTE

The Destiny Leadership Academy has a strong pedigree and a remarkable record of leadership development. **More than 500 students** have passed through our training programme over the past 25 years. Today, hundreds of our past students hold positions of leadership in many sectors of society; some are captains of industry or have founded their own businesses, others have followed teaching and **academic careers**, while others still, have gone on to plant churches, serve communities in a greater capacity and live fruitful lives in South Africa and abroad. The Destiny Leadership Academy attracts a vast variety of students, coming from across South Africa as well as from Europe, Canada and North America.

This Academy is designed as an intensive, one-year programme that will challenge the students emotionally, intellectually, spiritually and physically. They will be required to help the needy, go on mission trips, attend courses and lectures and **develop their skill set**. We believe that everyone has leadership potential.

We are all required to lead ourselves, our families and other people as we follow Christ's leadership. Destiny Academy nurtures and grows this potential in its students and aims to raise up competent and **passionate leaders**. We invite you to join us on a year that will transform the way you approach life. It will give you many essential tools and allow you to develop the competencies you need to achieve your dreams.

**Grant Crawford**  
*NCF Pastor*

## NO REGRETS

Throughout my high school career, I held onto this idea that once I had matriculated, I would go straight to University, study law for five years and then achieve every dream that I'd ever had for my life. I grew up in the life of NCF Church, so seeing God work in people and watching school leavers give up a year of their life to be on Destiny Leadership Academy was fairly normal for me, but joining that team was not an option that I had even considered! I had just too much to do in my life and I wasn't in any way prepared to sacrifice an entire year to some programme that had a very real possibility of turning out to be just average.

When I took a closer look at what really went on in the Academy, I very quickly became interested. In fact, in the space of a couple of weeks, my mindset changed dramatically. I eventually made the decision to commit to this year-of-your-life academy. From that very first day that we were introduced to the team and sent packing into the mountains, *I haven't, once, regretted my decision.*

Having completed the programme and then gone on to study, I can speak from a place of experience, and tell you I'm far better off, *in every sphere of my life*, for having had the privilege of giving a year of my life to serving God and the church. God opened the door for me to work in a legal firm and study at the same time. The spiritual input that I received, as well as the leadership and interpersonal skills that I learnt during Destiny Academy set me up for life. I came away with a more mature approach to the world, to my identity in God and to my place in the local church. The skill set that I learnt on Destiny Academy is, arguably, one of the most important assets a person can possess.

**Justin Goldstone**  
*DLA Student*

A black and white photograph of a person walking away from the camera on a city street at night. The person is wearing a cap and a jacket, and is pushing a bicycle. The street is illuminated by streetlights, creating a bokeh effect in the background. A white rectangular box with a thin border is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the text 'I HAVEN'T ONCE REGRETTED MY DECISION' in a bold, sans-serif font. The words 'ONCE' and 'MY DECISION' are in red, while the rest is in white.

**I HAVEN'T ONCE  
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## MISSIONS

It's the missions that make *Destiny Leadership Academy* so unique. The Academy offers the incredible opportunity for ordinary people to reach out to communities and make an extraordinary difference. Young people have the chance to be helping hands, and to contribute meaningfully, by being involved in a vast variety of activities from building structures for children's homes to sharing the gospel in the local churches.

It's an experience without comparison. As *young people*, we would set out with an expectation of how we would be helping others and making a difference to their lives and yet, somehow, we often left with the feeling that God had done far more in us, through what we had learnt from the very people we had expected to help. We have had the absolute privilege of seeing communities built up and lives changed, as people encountered Jesus in ways that awakened both their hearts and ours.

We learn, we serve... we do *Destiny Academy*, but it's on mission trips that our eyes are opened to a greater reality - a world that *desperately needs Jesus* - and this is one way that we get to be a part of sharing Him with the world.

*Amy Joy Shaw*  
*DLA Student*

# ELECTIVES

Each student is required to enrol in one of the following courses

## DRAMA AND DANCE

When you love what you do, you have the energy and inspiration to push past any limits. The drama and dance elective of Destiny Leadership Academy aims to create a space where it's not solely about the technique each one comes with, but rather the passion hidden in each person. Our goal is to shape and mould our students in a way that unleashes something new and exciting in each of them. We explore what the body is capable of doing and we push past the fears and limitations that hold us back. Dance and drama is more than an art form; it's an expression of oneself. Dance and drama extends way beyond the stage and the lights. It influences every aspect of our lives with the confidence and liberation it brings. Students find a space where they are able to experiment and create and be a part of something different.

**Natacha Chalmers**  
DLA Drama Director

## MEDIA

At NCF Church we place a big emphasis on media and communication. During the course of the year, those who choose the media elective will work side by side with the full-time media team using industry standard tools & technology to produce images, websites, films and motion graphics to help communicate to the church. By the end of the year each individual will have a portfolio of work, which they would have completed, to demonstrate their skills and aid them in applying for further studies in this particular field. If you have a passion for media, technology & film and are prepared to work alongside a team of creative individuals who are passionate about what they do, then this is the elective for you.

**Tristan Kirn**  
Creative Director

## MUSIC

The music elective specialises on equipping the Destiny Leadership Academy students to lead worship in a church context. Although the focus is on training musicians in church based worship, the musical skills can be transferred to many other spheres.

The course concentrates on training people on three core instruments, namely, guitar, keyboard and drums. The Music Elective is not exclusive to already competent musicians and the classes range from beginner to advanced. Ideally, we aim to meet each student at their skill level and help them improve on their musical and technical proficiency and their leadership ability.

**Steve Hunkin**  
DLA Music Director

## THEOLOGY

In the Theology stream we aim to give students a grasp of the nature and contents of the Bible and how to interpret it; a grounding in the key areas of Christian doctrine, an introduction to other areas of theology such as ethics and apologetics and the ability to discern truth from error and to form a biblical view on complex, controversial or current issues.

**Nigel Day Lewis**  
*Theologian*

## LEADERSHIP

Not many people would describe themselves as 'natural leaders', however, the ability to lead oneself as well as others, is a very necessary and critical skill to possess in life. The Leadership Elective aims to develop a leadership mindset in young people, and to encourage them to carry the skills they learn on this course through to all aspects of their lives. The students cover an array of topics in three major areas, including, self-leadership, leading other people and practical leadership.

**Mark Wimble**  
*NCF Pastor*

# LECTURES

*Each student is required to enrol in one of the following lectures*

## LIFESKILLS

We believe this core subject has life changing potential and much attention is given to what we teach as well as the choice of facilitators. Year by year the topics have consistently been reviewed and updated based on demand, the changing world, and local, skilled individuals available to us. The topics vary from individual tasks to working within the group dynamic. We attempt to prepare the student for life outside the confines of home, school and college. This "preparedness" looks at the world of work, family, relationships, the "Christian" in the world, and so much more. We do this via a variety of methods: from guest speakers, initiative tests, to specially selected motivational DVDs, films, and practical assignments. Facilitators include full time pastors, teachers, well known and successful businessmen and women, who all help to make this subject interesting and dynamic.

**Dave Lunderstedt**  
*NCF Pastor*

## EVENTS COORDINATION

NCF Church runs 7 main events throughout the year and our aim is to create world-class environments where **thousands of unchurched people** can come and find out about God and where the church is equipped to impact their area of ministry effectively.

These events include Sparkle ladies conference, Man-up men's conference, kids' leaders conference, worship conference, leadership summit, connect group leaders' conference and **youth conference**. There are also other events which happen at NCF Church across our sites including the Alpha course, Heaven's gates and Hell's flames play, one conference youth week and many more. Each event includes numerous different aspects such as worship, food & drink, set-up of the facility, childcare and production.

Destiny team forms an **integral part** of making these events possible and it is a brilliant forum for individuals to develop in their leadership, responsibility, dedication and creativity. It is incredible to see lives changed and the church strengthened through these events.

**Ruth Wimble**  
*Events coordinator*



RESPONSIBILITY  
**DEDICATION** AND  
CREATIVITY



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ADVENTURE  
OR NOTHING

## DARING ADVENTURE

After all, is life not incomplete without fun and adventure?

Helen Keller once said that, "life is either a daring adventure or nothing". At the Destiny Leadership Academy I was given the privilege of going on the most amazing adventures and having more fun than I think I could possibly have imagined.

It was like travelling on one ridiculously long and exciting road trip with my best mates, all the while growing personally and changing the world.

I was able to go on an adventure with **Jesus**; being constantly encouraged to spend time with Him, read my Bible and worship Him. I was given the incredible opportunity to travel to four different countries in Africa and go on adventures with, now, lifelong friends. It's difficult to put into words how overwhelmed I am by the friendships I made during my time at the **Destiny Leadership Academy**. Spending every day for an entire year with friends - serving, travelling, ministering - I was bound to have a wild adventure.

**Bryn Travis Tyrer**  
*Youth Ministry Leader*

# NEED TO KNOWS

In order to apply for *Destiny Leadership Academy* you have to be between the ages of 17-30

## **Start of the year:**

DLA starts in the 3rd week of January and finishes on the 2nd week of December

## **Leave:**

All students have 4 weeks of leave in the year.

## **Medical:**

Students are to take care of their own medical needs. In case of emergency/injury NCF will not be held responsible (see indemnity form)

# APPLY NOW

You can apply online now at [dla.ncfchurch.org.za](http://dla.ncfchurch.org.za) or get a hard-copy application at the involvement desk at any NCF Church Site.

## **Costs:**

R500 Registration fee (payable within 30 days of acceptance)

Monthly DLA fees (to be paid by the 1st of each month):  
R1500 x 11 = R16 500

Monthly accommodation fees (to be paid by the 1st of each month): R2000 x 11 = R22 000

## **The following costs are not included in the course fees:**

Personal travel documentation (visa's etc.), medical expenses, instruments, pocket money, clothing, stationery, toiletries and bedding (note: beds are provided)

## **Stop order deposits:**

FNB Bank  
Account name: NCF Church DLA  
Account number: 62447981384  
Branch code: 250655  
Swift code (for international students):  
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\*Invoices will be sent monthly as a reminder of payments due

## **Cash or cheque payments:**

Cash payments are accepted  
Cheque payments are accepted  
Post-dated cheques will be accepted

## **Non-Payments:**

Non-payments will result in the student being asked to leave

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

We love having students from abroad and we are committed to helping make your process of coming to South Africa as stress-free as possible

Students from overseas will need to apply for a Volunteers Visa or a Student Visa, depending on which is more acceptable in your country. (note: visa rules have changed in the year 2015)

- You will need to visit your local home affairs or local embassy
- A letter of invitation from us will be needed, which we will be happy to send once you have completed the online application. This letter will explain that you will receive no remuneration or income (which is why you will be a volunteer). This letter will also outline how your services will benefit our church (thank you so much!) as well as stating where you will be staying. In addition, we will explain the training modules you will be enrolled in.
- Your visa may take up to 8 weeks to processed.

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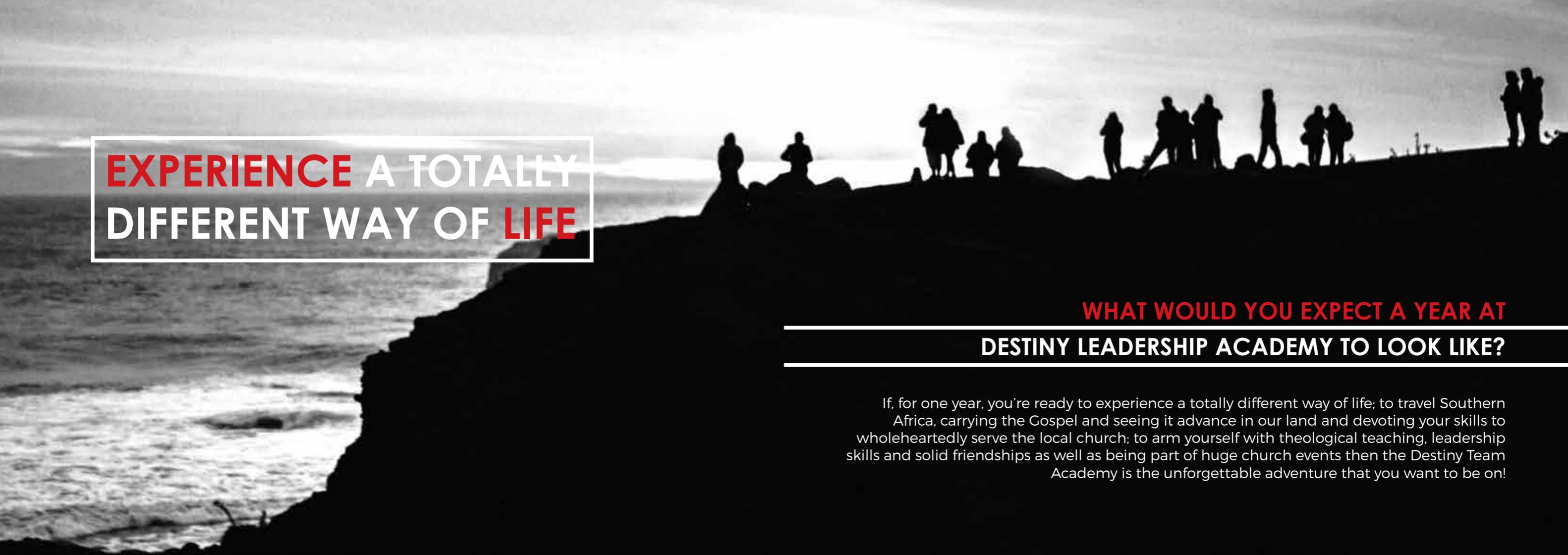
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**WHAT WOULD YOU EXPECT A YEAR AT  
DESTINY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY TO LOOK LIKE?**

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If, for one year, you're ready to experience a totally different way of life; to travel Southern Africa, carrying the Gospel and seeing it advance in our land and devoting your skills to wholeheartedly serve the local church; to arm yourself with theological teaching, leadership skills and solid friendships as well as being part of huge church events then the Destiny Team Academy is the unforgettable adventure that you want to be on!