SHANDRÉ PILLAY

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EDUCATION

STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY — Stellenbosch, South Africa · Expected Dec 2026

Bachelor of Commerce in Management Sciences (Majors: Financial & Investment Management)

Relevant coursework includes Corporate Finance, Investment Management, Portfolio Management, Financial Accounting and Economic Research. Currently taking a Taxation module.

Former executive member of the Economic and Management Sciences (EMS) Faculty Student Body, driving the Corporate Companies and Professional Interactions portfolio.

SELBORNE COLLEGE (HIGH SCHOOL) — East London, South Africa · 2018 – 2022

National Senior Certificate (Matric)

Subjects: Mathematics, Physical Science, Accounting, History, English, Afrikaans. School Prefect and Class Representative; 1st Football Team Vice-Captain.

PROFESSIONAL & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

STELLENBOSCH INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY (STIAS) — Stellenbosch · Sep – Nov 2026

AI Research Participant — CoLab: AI in Tertiary Institutions

- **Collaborative research:** took part in a two-day event co-hosted by Stellenbosch University and the University of Cape Town, working with students and researchers from both institutions to identify the key challenges and actionable solutions for generative AI in tertiary institutions.
- **Policy outcome:** findings and a comprehensive set of guidelines are due to be published as a foundational policy framework for generative AI use across tertiary institutions.
- **Follow-up conference:** attending the SoTL Conference in Stellenbosch on 18 November 2026, where students share the insights and experiences that emerged from the CoLab process.

STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY — Stellenbosch · Semester 1, 2026

Peer Facilitator (Teaching Assistant) — Information Systems 114

- **Tutorial facilitation:** facilitated tutorials for first-year students in Information Systems 114, a module focused on teaching Excel.
- **Student support:** answered students' questions in tutorials and helped them navigate the module content.
- **Assessment support:** invigilated module tests.

SAVESEVEN (NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION) — Cape Town · Aug 2025 – Present

Chief Financial Officer (CFO) & Head of Volunteers

- **Financial governance:** oversee strategic capital allocation, budgeting and financial reporting framework for a growing regional non-profit entity.
- **Cash flow optimisation:** built robust accounting structures to monitor donor funding inflows and project-based expenditure outflows, ensuring 100% regulatory compliance.
- **Human capital management:** direct a multi-disciplinary network of volunteers, restructuring task delegation to scale outreach productivity and community impact.

NTT AUDI South Africa · Dec 2024

Financial Analyst Job Shadow

- **Corporate finance shadowing:** shadowed the East London Financial Manager to observe corporate accounting workflows, financial controller activities and cash flow governance in the premium automotive market.
- **Operational analysis:** analysed dealership financial statements, balance sheets and working capital optimisation models across a high-volume luxury vehicle portfolio.

WEDGEWOOD CRAFTED CONFECTIONARY Cape Town · Nov 2025 – Present

Casual Sales Consultant & Cashier

- **Commercial operations:** point-of-sale transaction processing, daily register reconciliations and luxury inventory assembly (bespoke corporate hampers) under tight seasonal timelines.

SKILLS, INTERESTS & LANGUAGES

Technical skills: Financial Analysis, Corporate Valuation Principles, Budgeting & Forecasting, Accounting Systems, Advanced MS Excel (Financial Modelling), MS PowerPoint.

Languages: English (Fluent), Afrikaans (Basic conversational).

Interests & hobbies: Golf, Combat Sports, Football, Weight Training / Gym fitness.

REFERENCES

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