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Cover: Mr Mark Summers, awarded his MSc in Ecological Sciences by UKZN, is not afraid to get down and dirty with his favourite 'study specimen' – the Nile crocodile, seen here at Pongolapoort Dam. Full story on page 8.

Cover image courtesy Shannon Wild



Welcome from the Executive Director

Professor Jane Meyerowitz

Dear Friends of UKZN,

I have been at the UKZN Foundation nearly two years and it has been an extremely satisfying and rewarding period. Those of you who read my earliest communication with our donors and friends in July 2014 will know that I came to the Foundation at the end of a long career at UKZN – and I could not have asked for a better 'curtain call'. The opportunity to interact with donors, friends and potential partners of my *alma mater*; to talk to them on a subject about which I am passionate: UKZN; and to engage with them on how donations to UKZN can advance our strategic goals, our research and the opportunities for our students, has been truly fulfilling. I am privileged to have been able to play a part in developing and sustaining relationships between UKZN and our numerous and generous donors.

In this newsletter and in our Annual Report which will be published in June/July, you can read about many of the activities, donors and projects that we have been engaged in recently and which have inspired me.

My role at the Foundation was never envisaged to be a long-term one and I am delighted to inform you that our Board has identified a new Executive Director, Prof Anesh Singh, who will shortly be taking over the leadership of the Foundation. Anesh also has a long history with UKZN and its ancestor institutions and shares my passion for it – and has some exciting and innovative ideas on taking the Foundation forward. An article on Anesh appears in this newsletter and you will no doubt be interacting with and getting to know him yourselves in the months and years to come. I am so pleased that I am handing over the leadership to such an excellent successor.

As for me, retirement beckons with the eagerly anticipated promise of more time to spend with family, friends and on my personal interests. But I will still continue to be involved with UKZN Foundation on a part time basis, engaging with partners on some projects we have underway; supporting and assisting Anesh where I can; and above all, looking for opportunities to build relationships for UKZN that will advance our goals and support our students.

And, as I have done for many years, I will continue to donate to support the work of the Foundation. I encourage you all to do likewise.

Asibambisane – let us all pull together to make a difference.

Warm regards

Jane

UKZN to Host the Ukulinga Howard Davis Memorial Symposium

In May this year, UKZN will host the inaugural Ukulinga Howard Davis Memorial Symposium. Essentially this is a research and knowledge-sharing opportunity aimed at showcasing the University's agricultural research through its facilities at the Ukulinga Research Farm in Pietermaritzburg.

The symposium was the brain child of the UKZN Foundation and the trustees of the TB Davis Trust, which operates a farm on the island of Jersey.

The founder of this Trust, Thomas Benjamin Frederick Davis, was a well-known figure in Southern Africa in the early 1900s, having made his fortune in the stevedoring business and eventually controlling the business of loading and unloading ships at docks from Port Elizabeth to Dar es Salaam. Davis supported the former University of Natal when it was founded, contributing £140 000 to the construction of the Howard College building in Durban which was opened in 1931. The building was named after his son, Howard, who died aged 21 in the World War I Battle of the Somme.

With 2016 marking 100 years since the death of Howard Davis, the Symposium has been instituted to honour his legacy and enable the creation of a new legacy. Given the link to the Howard Davis Farm in Jersey, the symposium aims to raise the profile of agriculture in KwaZulu-Natal and in South Africa through the dissemination of vital research.

The educational legacy of Davis will continue through the hosting of the

symposium, which aims to showcase research done at Ukulinga to the scientific community, agribusiness sector and farming community. The organisers of the Symposium hope to make the event a catalyst for the development of mutually rewarding relationships with the agribusiness sector. The event will also form part of the facilitation of essential practical skills and knowledge transfer to benefit emerging and current small-scale community-based farmers.

Ukulinga, is an isiZulu word meaning 'to try', and the farm was bought in 1948 and has been used very successfully as a research farm with a strong educational function.

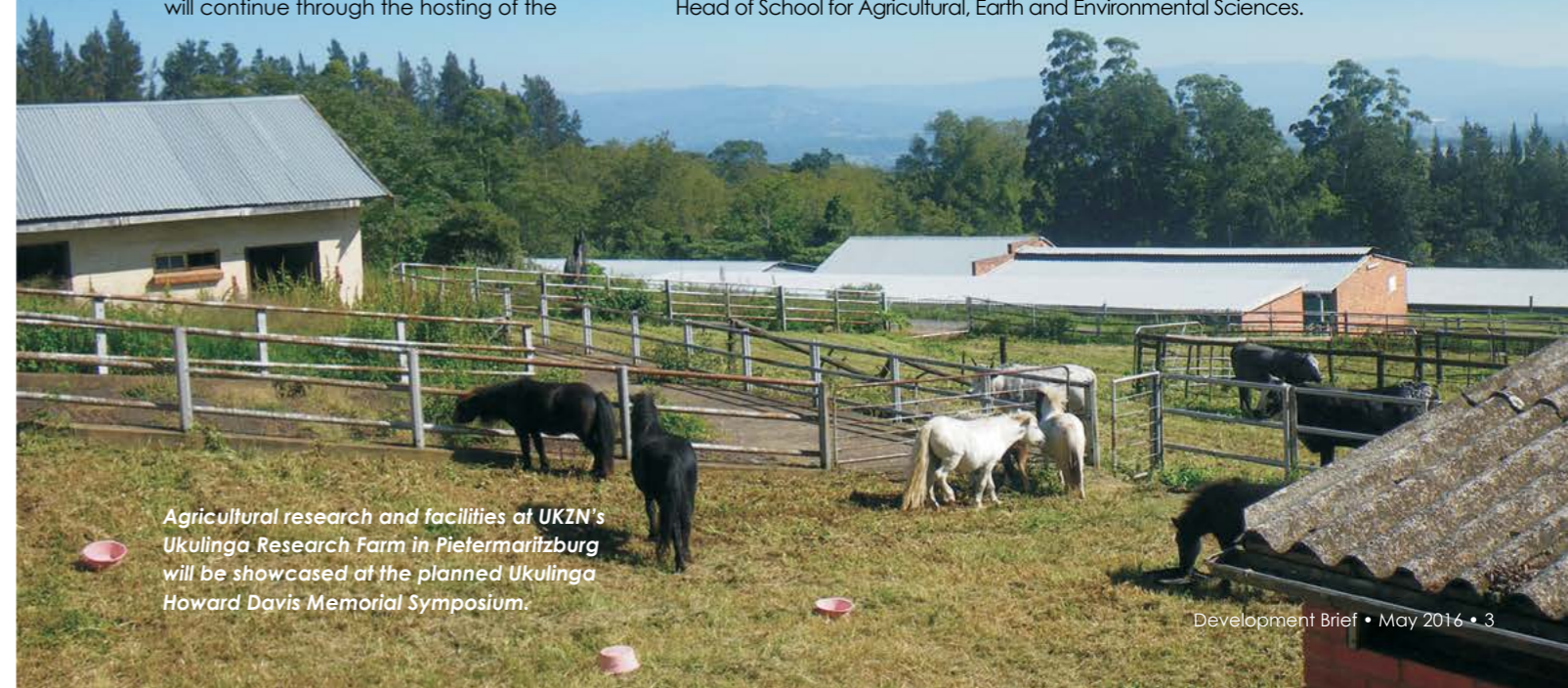
In recent years, the research activities have expanded beyond 'classical' agriculture to include various ecological and environmental aspects for sustainability of rural systems.

The farm comprises facilities dedicated to engineering, hydrological research, grassland science, horticulture, crop science and animal science, with ruminant and monogastric animal research (particularly related to poultry and pigs) taking place on site. Historically, embryo transplants and test tube calves have been pioneered at Ukulinga.

Among the first experiments started at Ukulinga were the long-term Burning and Mowing Trials and the Veld Fertiliser Trials, which were initiated in 1950 and are still being fully maintained after 64 uninterrupted years. A new grassland research site is linked to 48 other similar sites around the world and is focused on studying the effects of nutrient addition to natural grasslands.

There has been a strong focus on crop and horticulture related research over many decades, including plant breeding as well as production research. Important work in recent decades includes the breeding of high lysine maize which was widely recognised as a breakthrough in increasing the protein content of maize.

'Getting together intellectuals, government officials, agricultural industry and ordinary people to share ideas about current challenges facing food production and agribusiness will be an exciting moment for all participants attending this inaugural symposium,' said Professor Albert Modi, Dean and Head of School for Agricultural, Earth and Environmental Sciences.



Agricultural research and facilities at UKZN's Ukulinga Research Farm in Pietermaritzburg will be showcased at the planned Ukulinga Howard Davis Memorial Symposium.

Disability Unit Students Benefit from CV Projects' Wheelchair Donation

Students from UKZN's Disability Unit (DU) recently benefited from a kind donation of 12 wheelchairs from CV Projects, a local construction and logistics company.

Acknowledging the generous donation, the DU's Neville Balakrishna highlighted the freedom of mobility the gift brought to students as well as UKZN's commitment to the rights of disabled students.

'CV Projects is committed to giving back to the communities in which we operate. Our community giving programme aligns closely with the company's core values of partnership, integrity and commitment to excellence,' said CV Projects Managing Director, Chris Venketraju, 'It's crucial to help today's students and the company has established a good track record of investing in various social initiatives,' he said.



Grateful disabled students (from left to right) Gugu Madlala, Lunglo Mbattha and Samuel Mudau receive new wheelchairs from CV Projects.



UKZN Vice-Chancellor, Dr Albert van Jaarsveld and Executive Director of TATA Automobile Corporate South Africa, Mr Harneet Luther with some of the recipients of the TATA scholarships.

TATA Funds Postgraduate Students

Prestigious TATA Scholarships were awarded recently to 21 UKZN postgraduate students during an awards ceremony in the Senate Chamber on the Westville campus.

The scholarships are awarded to top performing, disadvantaged postgraduate students from different fields to assist them with funding their academic studies.

UKZN Vice-Chancellor, Dr Albert van Jaarsveld, thanked TATA and said postgraduate and postdoctoral students were the chief engines of research efforts at the University. 'We want to grow our postgraduate component even more into the future.'

Executive Director of TATA Automobile Corporate South Africa, Mr Harneet Luther, said young people deserved better education and economic opportunities in order to ensure a better South Africa was developed and maintained for future generations. TATA's focus was on continuing to improve the quality of creating opportunities in education.

Recipient and PhD student in Maritime Economics, Mr Sanele Gumede, thanked TATA for the financial support and the University for providing the donors and funders, which had made a significant difference in him being able to further his studies.

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New Executive Director at the Foundation

The University of KwaZulu-Natal Foundation is delighted to announce the appointment of Professor Anesh Singh as its new Executive Director. Anesh will take up his post at the beginning of June as he replaces Professor Jane Meyerowitz, who left at the end of May after a two year appointment.

After completing a Bachelor of Arts degree Anesh chose to work in industry instead of pursuing a career as a teacher. Anesh gained extensive experience in industry which included being a director of his own IT training company. He also holds an MBA and DBA and is busy completing a PGDip in Higher Education.

Anesh joined the University of Durban Westville in 1999 as a part-time lecturer and worked his way up the ladder as an academic. He was appointed as head of the Graduate School of Business in 2006 where he gained much experience working with corporates before taking up the post of Dean and Head of School: Accounting, Economics and Finance at UKZN. Anesh's major achievement was leading the Graduate School of Business to become the Top Brand in KwaZulu-Natal in 2011.

Anesh commented: 'I am thrilled to be taking up the position of Executive Director at the UKZN Foundation. I firmly believe that the Foundation has a critical role to play at UKZN and has the potential to grow our funding and influence. I look forward to playing a very active part in helping both to drive that growth and to support the Colleges across the University in their fundraising needs.'



Professor Anesh Singh to head up the Foundation.

Chairman of the UKZN Foundation Board of Trustees, Dr Warren Clewlow, said: 'I am very much looking forward to working with Prof Anesh Singh. He has an outstanding background and widespread experience in both business and higher education. The fact that we have attracted someone of Anesh's ability speaks volumes of the exciting growth and effectiveness we can expect from the Foundation. His experience and vision will help build on the UKZN Foundation's fundraising efforts that have become more critical as government financial support has declined.'

3D Printer for School of Engineering

Turning virtual designs into 3D physical objects will soon become a reality for staff and students at the University of KwaZulu-Natal's School of Engineering. This is largely thanks to the donation of a 3D Systems CubeX 3D printer from Preformed Line Products.

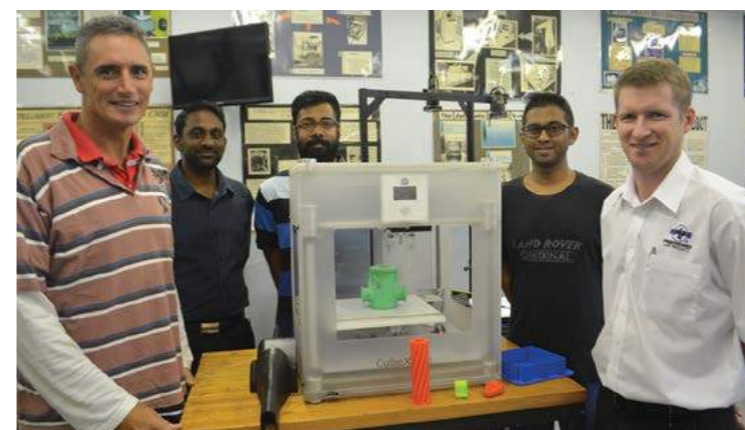
'This 3D printer gives educators a unique opportunity to integrate science, technology, art and engineering in the classroom,' said Colin Bolland, Engineering Manager from Preformed Line Products. 'It is our

hope that this donation will in some small way help to prepare the next generation of researchers, engineers and innovators at UKZN,' he said.

3D printing takes virtual designs from computer aided design or animation modelling software and turns them into physical 3D objects, building them up layer by layer. It works as a computerised hot-glue gun moves about carefully squirting out layers of molten plastic in precise locations.

3D print technology is a rapidly developing technology and is now used extensively within manufacturing, engineering and academic research.

'We are extremely grateful to Preformed Line Products for the donation of this latest 3D equipment. The 3D printer is a valuable research tool and will help accelerate projects that would normally take time using conventional modelling methods,' said Professor Glen Bright, Academic Leader for Mechanical Engineering in the School of Engineering.



Mr Colin Bolland from Preformed Line Products (right) hands over the 3D printer to Professor Glen Bright (left) with Dr Jared Padayachee and masters students Enric Naidoo and Trishen Naidoo looking on.

Master Mathematician Spurred on by Humble Beginnings

Starting a BSc degree through the Science Access programme (a programme aimed to assist students from disadvantaged backgrounds who do not meet mainstream entry requirements), and ending the journey with a *cum laude* Master's degree in Mathematics is definitely a license to brag about. But Mr Langalihle Mazibuko is not the bragging type and his unassuming, deprecating and humble manner makes his achievement all the more noteworthy.

It took sheer hard work and determination to reach the mathematical heights where Mazibuko now finds himself. 'My marks in high school for mathematics were average, although I always had a special interest in the subject,' said Mazibuko. He is thankful that he took this interest further and did not give up even when he failed to gain access into the mainstream BSc programme all those years ago.

Mazibuko was grateful for being awarded a Moses Kontane Institute bursary, TATA scholarship and the School of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science bursary which all contributed to his studies.

Mazibuko's specialisation is in the field of differential geometry and his Master's thesis examined the geometry of CR-manifolds.

Acting Dean of Research within the College of Agriculture, Engineering and Science, Professor Theresa Coetzer congratulated Mazibuko on being awarded his Master's degree *cum laude* (i.e. with a mark of 75% or above). 'It is especially pleasing to see such an achievement from a student who started University through the Access route,' she said. 'Langalihle has grabbed the opportunity provided with both hands and made the most of it.'

Mazibuko attributed a large part of his success to his supervisor, Professor Fortune Massamba. 'Being a top researcher in the field of mathematics himself, he has been more than just a supervisor but also a role model to me, full of inspiration and encouragement over the past few years,' he said.



Mr Langalihle Mazibuko, who originally entered UKZN through the Science Access programme, graduated with a BSc Mathematics degree cum laude.

Mr Sibusiso Mpungose, CEO of the Moses Kontane Institute, commended Mazibuko for all his hard work. 'These students are our most valued assets, they are the reason for MKI's existence and we are proud to have been part of his amazing journey.'

Mazibuko is now focused on the next milestone – obtaining a PhD degree. For this he has been awarded an NRF innovation doctoral scholarship. He would like to remain in academia as he enjoys the challenge of being at the cutting edge of research and the stimulation that inquiry brings to his life.

"'Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard". These words by sports coach Tim Notke are what I live my life by,' said Mazibuko.

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Tumelo Seliane (back with his hands in the air) and his MBChB fellow class colleagues who initiated the TuSEF.

Tumelo Seliane Education Fund

In an act of inspiration, the 2015 graduating MBChB Class initiated the Tumelo Seliane Education Fund (TuSEF), to honour a fellow final year MBChB student, Tumelo Seliane, who tragically lost his life in a car accident in 2015.

An initiative inspired by Tumelo's student leadership, humility, selflessness and commitment to changing lives, TuSEF is about offering an opportunity. Tumelo's life embodied this set of values – even when his studies were interrupted by the plight of financial exclusion, he still kept on serving his community, inspiring many to do so. TuSEF seeks to enable those from underprivileged backgrounds to realise their dreams to follow medicine.

As an endowment fund the aim is to raise one million Rand for TuSEF from which bursaries will be disbursed from the interest income contributing in perpetuity. Your donation to TuSEF will continue enabling generations of medical students to realise their dreams long after your contribution.

To make a donation and for further enquires please contact either Mr Monde Mjebeza at the UKZN Foundation Trust on mjebezam@ukzn.ac.za or 031 260 2020 or Dr Nombulelo Magula on magulan@ukzn.ac.za or 031 260 4505.

Start a Scholarship

While supporting today's students, a scholarship can also honour those who have made a difference in your life. Why not start a named scholarship that can pay tribute to a loved one, preserve a family name, or highlight a company's presence? Scholarships connect the past, present and future.

When creating a scholarship, the donors set requirements that the University uses to identify and select the recipients for these scholarship opportunities. By setting up a scholarship, there are also a number of personal and company tax benefits.

Let the UKZN Foundation help and guide you to establish a personalised scholarship fund, it's actually much easier than you might think.

For further information – Nadia Paul 031 260 2019 or pauln@ukzn.ac.za.

The Reino Stegen Scholarship – an Alumnus Gives Back

Reino Stegen graduated from the University of Natal in 1943 with a BSc in Electronic Engineering. Shortly thereafter he relocated to Cape Town and in 1951 joined the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Cape Town, eventually retiring as an Emeritus Associate Professor in 1985. He passed away on 5 July 2009.

Professor Stegen was passionate about making a difference and assisting students. He reasoned that a scholarship is a powerful way to encourage students to pursue a career that ignites their passions and he believed that a quality and unique postgraduate educational experience was an important part of developing future leaders. With this in mind he left a bequest to establish a fund for a postgraduate scholarship, to be known as the Reino Stegen Scholarship.

UKZN is truly grateful for his contribution which has already achieved its purpose by helping a number of students to fund their postgraduate studies. Reino Stegen's name will live on at the University for many years to come.



Emeritus Associate Professor Reino Stegen will always be remembered for his excellence in teaching fundamentally sound engineering.

Vehicle Donation Boosts Nile Crocodile Research Projects

UKZN has a number of research projects looking into various aspects of the Nile crocodile. Two such researchers, are Jonathan Warner and Mark Summers.

Although Nile crocodiles are apex predators that occur throughout Africa in many aquatic ecosystems, their feeding ecology is poorly understood, along with the species' risk of exposure to environmental contaminants such as heavy metals. Recent population declines of Nile crocodiles in South Africa have underscored the ecological value of this important predator to aquatic ecosystem health and function. This topic forms the basis of Warner's research.

Working at Lake St Lucia, Kosi Bay and Ndumo Game Reserve, the largest crocodile populations in KwaZulu-Natal, he and his team captured 322 Nile crocodiles to help gain the knowledge of individual body size, sex and a range of other data for analyses of animal population demographics and size structure.

Warner collected and analyzed blood samples from 34 sub-adult and adult free-ranging Nile crocodiles for levels of lead concentrations. It was found that on average, crocodiles had higher levels of lead at Lake St Lucia than at Ndumo Game Reserve or Kosi Bay. This was attributed to lead sinker ingestion during gastrolith acquisition and to a lesser extent, fishing-bait theft.

No clinical effects of lead toxicities were observed in these crocodiles, even though

the highest levels of lead represented the most elevated levels of lead in blood recorded to date for any tissue in any free-ranging vertebrate. The data and field observations suggested adult Nile crocodiles are likely tolerant of elevated lead body burdens, but experimental studies on other crocodilian species suggested the lead levels in blood may have harmful or fatal effects to egg development and hatchling health.

Mark Summers' Masters research was based at Pongolapoort Dam in Zululand and investigated the population number, nesting ecology and behavioral aspects of gaping in Nile crocodiles.

Gaping is a characteristic activity of several species of crocodilians in which the animal lies ashore with its mouth held open for prolonged periods. Gaping is a complex habit that involves variable degrees of mouth closure and sometimes includes rhythmic gular movements.

Data was captured from July 2014 to August 2015, where there was a marked decrease in water levels in Pongolapoort Dam owing to a drought occurring throughout KwaZulu-Natal. An estimated 549 Nile crocodiles occurred in Pongolapoort Dam in 2015, which is an increase in population from a conservative estimate of 273 individuals in 2010.

The study showed that the population of Nile crocodiles in Pongolapoort Dam is increasing and remains in a healthy state compared with other populations in South Africa. Insights into their behavior may be applicable to other crocodilian taxa.

As can be appreciated, research field studies such as these are very reliant on suitable off road vehicles and UKZN is most grateful for the sponsorship of a FORD Ranger Double Cab XLT.

'This vehicle is managed by the School of Life Sciences and played a key role in the success of both these projects,' said UKZN's Professor Colleen Downs, who supervised the crocodile research. 'It has contributed towards the conservation of the Nile crocodile, as well as many other field research based projects managed through the School, that advance the conservation and the economic goals of South Africa.'



Diligent students who benefit from the Theological bursary fund are (back row) Nimran Durven, Sicelo Zulu, Phkama Plaatjies. (front row) Thembaletu Mchunu, Tankiso Mokoena

The UKZN Theological Bursary Fund

The Theological Bursary Fund was established in 1996 to assist UKZN theology students who could not afford university fees. Initially, it was funded by staff at the then School of Theology who also sourced donors. This bursary fund continues to attract support from current donors such as the Christian Education Fund and Evangelisches Missionswerk.

At present, the Theological Bursary Fund supports about 38 students from Bachelor of Theology through to PhD level with a budget of approximately R1 million. While most graduates are from South Africa, there is a good spread of representation from across Africa and Asian countries.

One such recipient is a 2016 first year BTh student, Mr Durven who is in his forties and a refugee from Northern Nigeria. He explains 'I'm grateful to the School for offering me this funding as it has helped me to excel in my studies.' Mr Durven averaged 75% in his first semester. Second year BTh student and a recipient of the bursary fund, Mr Pakama Plaatjies, has also worked extremely hard in his first year studies. He obtained firsts in all his modules with 8 certificates of merit. 'This bursary has provided much needed financial relief and motivation for me,' he said.

'Despite the fact that the funding is not able adequately to cover all the needs of the students, for almost two decades now, the Bursary Fund has supported and enabled students such as these to serve their communities and make a positive contribution in many wonderful ways,' said Dr Lilian Cheelo Siwila from the School of Religion, Philosophy and Classics. 'We are indeed most thankful to our sponsors for their on-going support, without which the Bursary Fund would simply not exist.'

AECI Bursaries Give Hope to Youth

AECI recently handed over bursaries worth R792 000 to ten disadvantaged students from the south coast of KwaZulu-Natal.

The ten, who achieved excellent matric results last year, were selected from various applicants.

AECI Group Community Development Specialist, Nicole Solomon's said the bursary programme targeted pupils from surrounding rural and urban areas of its factory in the Umbogintwini area.

Nicole said AECI, through its Community Education and Development Trust had a number of education support initiatives.

AECI Group Human Capital Executive, Khosi Matshitse, said they had a dual approach.

'While we aim to reach out to the many parts of South Africa, we also give special attention to our immediate neighbours in the communities in which we operate our 14 companies.' She congratulated the bursary students and encouraged them to grab this opportunity and make a success of their studies. 'We need you and the country needs young people like you, so apply yourselves in your studies, be diligent and don't lose this opportunity,' she said.

Among the ten beneficiaries was Lungisa Tenza who is currently enrolled in the Science Access Foundation Programme working towards a BSc at the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

'Through this financial assistance I will be the first in my family to obtain a bachelor's degree and if it had not been for this bursary I would not have had the funds to pay for my tertiary institution's fee.'

'I will grab this opportunity with both hands and when I represent something, I give of my best,' she said.

Prof Bala Pillay acknowledged AECI's generous donation saying: 'This partnership with AECI is about the promotion of education and academic excellence to build leaders that will shape the future of science and engineering, industry and the broader community.'



The ten bursary recipients with Nicole Solomon (left) and Khosi Matshitse (right) both from AECI and Dr Naven Chetty who heads up the UKZN Engineering and Science Access Programme (far right).

Pay It Forward, the Moshal Scholarship Way

Nkokhelo Mhlongo is an associate software engineer at ACI Worldwide. He comes from rural KwaZulu-Natal and came from a village where most people were only aiming to achieve a matric.

Nkokhelo's father died when he was two and his mother is a domestic worker. He would never have been able to pay for his BSc degree in computer science at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN), had it not been for a Moshal Scholarship.

Simphiwe Hlongane also grew up in a rural village without electricity or running water. Her childhood was even tougher because she was bullied by her peers. Determined to change her reality, she believed this meant getting a university degree.

Today, Simphiwe is in fourth year medicine at UKZN and is surrounded by friends who love her. She too would not have been able to do this, if not for the Moshal Scholarship Programme.

UKZN is one of seven South African educational institutions whose students are eligible for Moshal Scholarships. There were 33 Moshal Scholars at UKZN in 2013 and there are now 79.

The Moshal Scholarship Programme was founded in 2009 by Durban-born venture

capitalist Martin Moshal and provides financial help, soft skills training and other support to talented students who would otherwise not have access to a university education and network with quality employers.

It already supports over 750 students with full scholarships at top universities across South Africa, Israel and the Ukraine and there have been 910 Moshal Scholars to date with a 94% pass rate and a 90% employment rate (within three months of graduating). In 2015 their employment rate in SA was nearly 100%.

'It was a miracle,' Simphiwe says about finding she had won the Moshal Scholarship. 'I just cried because I had never had much and money was always a problem. And from that day, I was financially cleared – my money worries were gone. I just cried with joy because I could now concentrate on making my future happen.'

Moshal Scholars are encouraged to get involved in community outreach activities, including tutoring school pupils after hours, mentoring and supporting the less fortunate or whatever activities they feel would be paying it forward for them.

'Pay it forward,' says Martin Moshal, 'wherever and whenever you have the opportunity to help others. It doesn't have to be in money. It can be in time, advice or effort. There is no rush.' Moshal encourages his scholars to enjoy university and obtain the best education they can. 'Soak up knowledge. Establish and advance your careers and only when the time is right – you will know when – give back to your family and community.'

He tells students he is on a journey together with them. 'If you believe in yourself, I will believe in you. If you are determined to realise your potential and to change your life and the lives of those around you, I will be there for you and together we can pay it forward and make a difference.'



The very first Durban Corporate Breakfast was held on 20 April where the Moshal Scholarship staff were able to see their UKZN senior scholars successfully putting their networking skills to the test.

'My dream is to see more young rural teenagers make it to university so they can do something good for their community.'



The late treasurer, Ahmed Shaik (seated) kept an account of every cent belonging to the Edendale Indian Welfare Society for over 20 years. Checking on a job well done are former (late) society members Shrichandra Lachman (left) and the chairman, Bala Govender (right).

Edendale Indian Welfare Society Redefines Philanthropy

A generous donation of over R300 000 donated to the University of KwaZulu-Natal's Alumni Bursary Endowment Fund is testimony to the power of community spirit, forward thinking and generous hearts. These are the values that have come to define the Edendale Indian Welfare Society, a social benefit organisation in the Edendale region of Pietermaritzburg that traces its history to as far back as 1933.

Under the able guidance of stalwart committee members, Mr Dayanand Lachman (the only surviving member of the original group and the brother of Mr Shrichandra Lachman the founding member of the Society), Ahmed Shaik and Bala Govender, a modest start-up amount of R12 000 invested in 1981 has grown to a sizeable investment yielding good returns. This start-up amount was earmarked to establish a school for poor learners in Edendale, Pietermaritzburg, but unfortunately due to the apartheid Group

Areas Act of separate development for different race groups, it was unable to fulfil its mission.

The donation to the UKZN Alumni Bursary Endowment Fund therefore completes the circle of philanthropic intent of a community blessed with the foresight who through hardship and commitment realised their higher purpose of helping others in need. Hence the original objective of the Edendale Indian Welfare Society to advance education will be realized. The proceeds from its investment was recently donated to the Alumni Bursary Endowment Fund in support of education with the wish that when the fund is at a level to award bursaries the study costs of a needy student of Indian descent from the Pietermaritzburg region will be met.

The Alumni Bursary Endowment Fund is one of the premium funds administered by the University of KwaZulu-Natal's Foundation Trust. Driven by its objective to create a sustainable funding platform for needy students, the fund attracts donations to build an endowment from which donations can be made in the future.

The Fund is not at a level where it can start disbursing while remaining sustainable, hence further funding is required. In the current context of critical student funding needs, investment in the Alumni Bursary Endowment Fund will enable more learners from financially disadvantaged backgrounds to access higher learning and will positively impact South Africa's economic and social growth.

'The donation to the UKZN Alumni Bursary Endowment Fund completes the circle of philanthropic intent of a committed community.'

UKZN Students Jazz It Up



UKZN students (from left) Segametsi Gaobepe and Beverly Qwabe of Drama and Performance Studies jazzing it up in Roel Twijnstra and Jerry Poee's *Mine Boy* at the Elizabeth Sneddon Theatre.

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