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An integral part of the University of KwaZulu-Natal's mission is to be "a truly South African university that is academically excellent ..."

In the past few months, UKZN has celebrated the achievements of some remarkable alumni, as well as welcomed a new set of graduates into our alumni family.

On 15 August I was privileged to host 135 *Cum Laude* and *Summa Cum Laude* graduates who graduated in May 2006 at a celebratory lunch. The lunch,

From the desk of the Vice-Chancellor

which was organised by the Alumni Affairs Office, was a small way of acknowledging these rising stars' great achievements and of conveying to them that their *alma mater* is indeed proud of them and that they can play important roles as ambassadors of the University.

At our second set of graduation ceremonies, held from 9-12 October, the University welcomed 886 new alumni. Four hundred and seventy six of these graduates are women; there are nine graduates with disabilities; and 22 graduates received their doctorates. We are proud of all our graduates and trust that they will make a significant contribution to our society in their chosen fields.

On 30 October, the Convocation of the University, a statutory body of which you auto-

matically become a member by virtue of obtaining a degree from this University, bestowed awards on distinguished alumni for their outstanding contribution to their respective fields and society, at the annual Convocation AGM.

South Africa's Deputy Minister of Health, Ms Nozizwe Charlotte Madlala-Routledge, was honoured with an award for outstanding contribution to human freedom and endeavour. Professor Anna Coutsooudis, of the Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine, was honoured with a special award for a graduate and employee of UKZN for her groundbreaking work in vitamin A and mother-to-child transmission of HIV through breastfeeding.

Dr John Manning, taxonomist at the Compton Herbarium at Kirstenbosch National Botanic

Gardens in Cape Town, received an award for his outstanding contribution to Education, Science and Industry. Dr Mergen Reddy was recognised as a young up-and-coming graduate who has displayed potential to excel in a particular field. Dr Reddy has developed a financial tool to help companies deal with the cost of HIV-infection.

These are but a few of the UKZN stars who are making their presence felt in a variety of fields and who are contributing to a better life, not only for South Africans, but for humankind the world over. You will find many more such stories in the pages of this issue of UKZNTOUCH.

Professor MW Makgoba



From the desk of the Executive Director of Public Affairs and Corporate Communications

The Convocation Executive Committee is understandably proud of our alumni. This was evident at the recent Convocation Awards evening when distinguished alumni were honoured. Ms Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge, Dr John Manning, Professor Anna

Coutsooudis and Dr Mergen Reddy are all world-class South Africans having distinguished themselves in the fields of Politics, Plant Anatomy, HIV Research and Business. Any university would be extremely proud to have produced men and women of such distinction who have made contributions that directly impact on the wellbeing of communities. They are role models for young South Africans who aspire to be excellent and who want to make a powerful, positive impact on society.

This edition of UKZNTOUCH covers many good news stories about your *alma mater*. It is a true reflection of the good work being done by thousands of staff and students, intrinsically motivated individuals, whose intellectual prowess and untiring commitment to the cause of Higher Education are manifest in their achievements.

These include the Silver Medal at the Garden Show, the appointment of Susan Leclerc-Madlala as UNAIDS advisor, the honouring of

Professor Bill Freund, our students winning first place in the national entrepreneurs competition, a Gold Medal at the Royal Show, the Mapungubwe Award to Professor Patricia Berjak, the University being ranked in the top five South African Higher Education institutions, and our clean sweep at the Annual UNITECH Marketing and Communications Excellence Awards Ceremony.

UKZN alumni have reason to be proud.

Professor Dasarath Chetty

Message from the Alumni Affairs Team

The Alumni Affairs Team has had an exciting and busy 2006. Interaction – through social events, workshops, email and posted correspondence, telephone calls and publications – has resulted in contact with over 72 000 alumni worldwide. Particular highlights included the visits to Swaziland, East London and Port Elizabeth, which were new areas to visit and which were extremely well supported by the locally based graduates. The Leadership and Entrepreneurship Workshops run on the Howard College, Westville and Pietermaritzburg campuses, the Pietermaritzburg Supper Theatre event, the 2006 Convocation Awards and the *Cum Laude/Summa Cum Laude* Celebratory Lunch

were also successes and events worthy of mention. In addition, Esmé Estrice and Desiree Govender have worked tirelessly on improving the Alumni Database and in updating as many records as possible. If any graduate has recently had a change in contact details please let us know so that the information can be updated.

The Alumni Affairs office was delighted to receive so many contributions to “Class Notes” from graduates and thanks everyone for taking the trouble to submit information. However, due to the overwhelming response we are unable to publish all the contributions in this issue and many will have to be included in the 2007 publications.

In 2007, we plan to visit Pretoria, Johannesburg, the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand as well as some of the usual places visited in South Africa. A breakfast seminar, workshops, and a *Cum Laude/Summa Cum Laude* event are also on the programme.

As always, we look forward to ideas from graduates on events to be held and ways to communicate with alumni – the University’s largest stakeholder.

We send you our thanks for your support during 2006, best wishes for 2007 and look forward to interacting with you in the New Year.

**With our very best wishes,
The Alumni Affairs Team**



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UKZN rides the crest

When it comes to cutting-edge marketing and brand awareness, UKZN is among the top performers in the Higher Education sector. The University scooped 11 Higher Education Excellence Awards at the 15th Unitech Congress held in Durban in October. This year's congress was organised and hosted by UKZN.

Unitech is the co-ordinating organisation for marketing, communications and development among South African universities, universities of technology and further education and training colleges. The Excellence Awards were judged by an independent panel of experts from the marketing and communications industry.

The Awards ceremony was the highlight of the three-day congress. Under the theme of "Riding the Crest ... Navigating Challenges Through Turbulent Times", the congress brought together 160 marketing, communications and development practitioners from around the country. Speakers included the Minister of Education, Ms Naledi Pandor, and former presidential spokesman Bheki Khumalo.

UKZN Vice-Chancellor Professor Malegapuru Makgoba was awarded the Golden Award for Vice-Chancellor of the Year. This was in recognition of his support for the University's marketing efforts.

UKZN Women: Making a difference, which profiles 50 women at the University, scooped first place in the "Internal Magazine" category, with



MARKETING HIGHER EDUCATION: Public Affairs and Corporate Communications Executive Director Professor Dasarath Chetty; Minister of Education Ms Naledi Pandor and Unitech Chairperson Nozipho Kwenaithe.

ukzndaba, the campus newspaper, taking second runner-up position in the "Internal Newsletter" category.

The University's Centre for Environment, Agriculture and Development (CEAD) which, together with other partners at the University, has developed entrepreneurial support for craft enterprises in Northern KwaZulu-Natal, won first place in the Community Outreach Project category.

Development Brief, the UKZN Foundation's newsletter for donors that is produced in-house at Public Affairs and Corporate Communications, achieved first place in the External Newsletter category.

The University was the runner-up in a number of categories: Integrated Campaign for the Inauguration of the Vice-Chancellor; Electronic Brochures and Marketing Material;

Annual Report; External Brochure: College of Health Sciences and External Magazine: *UKZNTOUCH*, the magazine for alumni.

Professor Dasarath Chetty, Executive Director of Public Affairs and Corporate Communications, received an Honorary Excellence Award for his contribution to marketing, communication and development in South Africa. He said that: "The University's achievement in picking up 11 awards demonstrates the effectiveness of our integrated marketing and communications strategy in branding and promoting the Premier University of African Scholarship. Unitech has provided us with a platform to assess and evaluate our work in relation to our peers in Higher Education, and thereby constantly raise the profile of marketing and strategic communica-

tion in this sector. I am particularly pleased that our marketing, communications and development teams produced the best for the University. The awards are a tribute to their collective passion, enthusiasm and skills."

Adjudicator Dr Amanda Attwell-Hamilton said the UKZN entries were "professional" and that she was also impressed by the overall standard of entries received from all Unitech members.

Caleb Maqubela, Unitech's outgoing Chief Executive Officer and General Manager, added that "UKZN deserved to win. Their entries showed careful thought and preparation and raised the standard of the competition. I am delighted that UKZN picked up so many awards, especially since they organised one of the best congresses we have had."



Professor Nceba Gqaleni, Professor Leana Uys, Dr Mothomang Diaho (Nelson Mandela Foundation), Professor Malegapuru Makgoba (Vice-Chancellor) and Professor Willem Sturm (Dean of Medical School).

Developing African medical scientists

A bronze cast sculpture of Nelson Mandela was unveiled in the foyer of the Main Medical School Building at a ceremony on 7 November. This was followed by the announcement of the establishment of two significant Programmes aimed at developing a nucleus of African medical scientists: the Hasso Plattner Medical Research Fellowships and the Mokgokong Medical Fellowships.

The sculpture was commissioned in 2004 following a highly successful fundraising appeal to graduates and staff at the Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine. The sculpture signifies the tremendous respect and

humility that the Medical School community has for Mr Mandela. UKZN Vice-Chancellor Professor Malegapuru Makgoba said "his values and principles must embody all that we do at the Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine". On 29 July 2000, the school, which is well known for its outstanding research, was named after the Nobel Laureate.

Following a R10 million donation by the Hasso Plattner Foundation to advance research in HIV and to appoint academic experts in HIV/AIDS, six Fellowships have been awarded and research in a range of HIV/AIDS studies from a vaccine programme to the development of in vitro methods to scientifically validate traditional medicines are under way. The Hasso Plattner Medical Research Fellowships Programme

has facilitated the appointment of Professor Thumbi Ndung'u, former Laboratory Director and Senior Research Scientist at the Botswana Harvard Partnership in Gaborone. His research interests are in HIV diversity and the implications of diversity for transmission, disease pathogenesis, therapeutic interventions and vaccine design.

Named after one of the University's most accomplished alumni, the Mokgokong Medical Fellowships Programme aims to address the growing paucity of medical scientists – particularly African medical scientists – in South Africa and throughout the continent. The Programme will partner emerging local medical researchers of high calibre with more established scholars from the African

"Nelson Mandela's values and principles must embody all that we do at the Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine."

continent and abroad. Over a three-year period, each pair of Fellows – the African Fellow and the International Fellow – will work collaboratively on a mutually designed programme of research, with KwaZulu-Natal as the primary clinical and field site.

The first Mokgokong fellow is Professor Roland Edgar Mhlanga, who is currently the Professor of Community Obstetrics at the Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine. He plans to focus his research programme on maternal mortality in Africa, working in four countries with an international mentor from Sweden.

Mapungubwe award

Professor Patricia Berjak from the School of Biological and Conservation Sciences was invested with the Order of Mapungubwe: Silver by His Excellency, President T M Mbeki, at a ceremony in Pretoria on 27 September in recognition of her "excellent achievements in and contributing to the understanding of seed science".

The Order of Mapungubwe is South Africa's highest honour. It was instituted on 6 December 2002 and is granted by the President of South Africa for achievements in the international arena which have served South Africa's interests. The order is named after Mapungubwe; an ancient African nation which existed a thousand years ago in what is now the northern part of the Limpopo province.

Other recent recognitions of Patricia Berjak as a scientist include her being the 2004 recipient of the Distinguished Woman Scientist Award of the National Department of Science and Technology and, also in 2004, being elected as a Fellow of the Third World Academy of Sciences.

In his media release recording Professor Berjak's achievement, Executive Director: Public Affairs and Corporate Communications Professor Dasarath Chetty, said: "It is academics of this calibre that give the University of KwaZulu-Natal its 'World Class' reputation. We are particularly proud of this achievement."



UKZN ranked in top five

UKZN has been named one of the top five best managed universities in South Africa. The University was also recently ranked as one of the top 500 universities in the world by a Chinese university survey, one of only four South African institutions ranked.

Mr Yusuf Seedat, Project Manager of Top Companies Publishing and Events, presented the award to UKZN Vice-Chancellor Professor Malegapuru Makgoba and Professor Dasarath Chetty on 13 September. Top Companies conducted an evaluation of 4 184 companies countrywide before deciding on the winners. They included companies in the business sector, mining industry, financial institutions and institutions of Higher Education. The other institutions listed in the top five are UNISA, the University of Cape Town, the University of the Witwatersrand, and Stellenbosch University.

The evaluation process involved three key indicators:

- Transformation, human resources development and efficiency, which focused mainly on job creation, empowerment status, skills training and social responsibility.
- Revenue generation and profitability, which includes sources of funding, research development and market share.
- Operational efficiency, which emphasised global elements like internationally recognised academics, attracting global investors, international



Mr Yusuf Seedat, Project Manager of Top 500 Companies, presents the award to UKZN Vice-Chancellor Professor Malegapuru Makgoba and Executive Director of Public Affairs and Corporate Communications, Professor Dasarath Chetty.

scholars and students and being globally competitive in curriculum development.

Presenting the award, Mr Seedat said: "This accolade bears testimony to the administration of the University in striving to attract and retain the best talent. The top 500 research process is an excellent evaluation of the current performance at the University".

The University was also nominated as one of South Africa's "Top Government Agencies as a result of its contribution to Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment and Transformation." Criteria used included the number of black

executive directors, employment equity, skills development, market leadership, BEE procurement, enterprise development and annual turnover.

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Advancing Science and Mathematics

UKZN's Centre for the Advancement of Science and Mathematics Education (CASME) launched an Education Centre to advance and enhance the teaching of these two essential subjects in rural schools in uMzumbe, near Port Shepstone, on 7 September.

Established in 2005 after many years of brainstorming and planning, the Phungase Education Centre is funded by SASOL. The Centre has a library, computer centre and a resource centre where teaching equipment is stored. Dr JWF Muwanga-Zake from CASME facilitates the programme.

The Centre will serve as a central point to train and offer workshops to local teachers teaching grades 11 and 12. Class visits are also part of the programme. Class visits are more effective than workshops, says Mr Leslie Ndaba, CASME Project Manager, because this gives project facilitators an opportunity to see teachers engaging with learners and to understand better how they can help. He encouraged teachers to be committed to the project and own it.

The Circuit Manager of uMzumbe District, Mr MS Mkhize, said: "CASME has made a difference in every learner's life." The Manager of Port Shepstone District, Mr SS Maphumulo, appealed for the expansion of the project to include primary schools because he feels that a foundation needs to be built.

Mr MB Lushaba, a teacher at

Mdibaniso Comprehensive, applauded stakeholders for initiating such an effective project to give back to the community. Representing principals, Mr Thulani Thwala from Mdibaniso High, commended CASME for easing teacher challenges and added that rural schools were well placed to produce potential scientists. Chief WT Mavundla, also a principal at

Mabuthela High, stressed that poor maths and science education was a legacy of apartheid as teacher training colleges discouraged teachers from teaching these subjects.

CASME Director Mrs Tsepiso Khalima said "the link between UKZN and CASME to provide in-service and pre-service is very complementary".

SASOL's Manager of Govern-

ment Relations, Dr Thembakazi Mali, commented: "As a scientist myself, seeing a centre like this being launched warms my heart ...I am happy to hear that the centre is making a positive impact on learners...If there is lack of maths and science, development will suffer in our country. Every child needs to learn maths and science."



Dr Nadaraj Govender: SMTE; Mrs Tsepiso Khalema: CASME; Dr Thembakazi Mali: SASOL; Dr JWF Muwanga-Zake: CASME (standing); Mr Leslie Ndaba: CASME; Mr SS Maphumulo: Port Shepstone district; and Mr BS Mkhize: uMzumbe circuit.

School of Nursing anniversary

The School of Nursing celebrated its 50th anniversary at a glittering banquet which was attended by many stalwarts of the School.

In his opening address, Professor Oluyinka Adejumo, Head of the School, saluted "our community partners, our honoured alumni, various organisations and institutions ... the students and staff of the School of Nursing, the entire University of KwaZulu-Natal community and our Department of Health colleagues".

From humble beginnings, with the introduction of the advanced diploma in nursing education at the then University of Natal in 1956, to the admission of the first 10 students in 1962 for the BSocSc degree in Nursing, the School of Nursing on the Howard College campus of the University has prospered and now has 1 750 students in its undergraduate degrees and diploma programmes, and 90 students in its postgraduate programmes.

Professor Adejumo paid tribute to the School for "the development of nursing and midwifery education in South Africa and the rest of Africa in general, with its influence reaching far into the Middle East where it assisted in curriculum and human resource developments in nursing and midwifery education."

As a World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre for Nursing and Midwifery Development in the African Region, awarded for the first time in 1999 and again in 2003, the School has been elevated to a position of continental leader-



Professor Oluyinka Adejumo: Head of School; Ms Noelle Hunt (Acting Head of School from 1978-1986); Professor Nomthandazo Gwele (alumnus and former Head of School); and Professor Leana Uys: Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Head of the College of Health Sciences, at the banquet.

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ship. Further advances took place in 2002 when the School was designated the South African Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI) Collaborating Centre for evidence-based nursing.

Curriculum development and nursing education consultancy is ongoing between the School and health education institutions in the United Arab Emirates, Rwanda, Eritrea, Niger, Lesotho, Swaziland, Burundi and two East African Countries, Tanzania and Kenya.

Gold medal at Royal Show

For the fourth year in a row one of the University's exhibits won a gold medallion at the Royal Agricultural Show held in Pietermaritzburg at the end of May. The exhibit, entitled 'Grow Your Brain', received high marks from the judges in the following categories: external attraction/customer appeal, method of communicating benefits, originality and presentation of personnel and customer care.

The most popular and captivating

display at the award-winning stand was the tsunami model, fresh from its debut at Scifest in Grahamstown. This 'educational toy' simulates the impact of a tsunami and is a powerful model as it can be pitched at different levels to attract a wider audience. The young were fascinated by the sheer force of the wave while others were informed about the geological and hydraulic aspects that come into play.

The School of Bioresources Engineering and Environmental Hydrol-

Students win entrepreneurs' competition

UKZN students scooped first prize at the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) National Competition at Emperor's Palace, Johannesburg on 4 July



WALKING TALL: UKZN graduate Mlamuli Mazibuko, 2005 SIFE president (holding trophy) celebrates with his colleagues.

The team won a trophy and a certificate shield, as well as two trophies and a cash prize of R6 000, which was sponsored by Harmony Gold.

Kulani Ngobese, President of SIFE UKZN, says that "the quality of our projects and well-prepared presentations impressed the judges. We demonstrated the impact and sustainability

of our projects". The prize money will support SIFE projects.

SIFE started in the US in 1975 and spread to 1 200 tertiary institutions worldwide. The organisation strives to uplift the standards of people living in disadvantaged communities, and to promote free enterprise amongst community members.

ogy contributed greatly to the success of the stand. Some of their latest innovations and developments were on display along with the experts and brains behind them. Of particular interest was a spiral pump and a GPS controlled mini-tractor that is used for conducting research in the area of precision agriculture. Other entertaining and educational exhibits at the stand included displays by Geological Sciences, the Centre for

Electron Microscopy, Philosophy and Ethics, Chemistry and Soil Science.

The University's other stand, dedicated to an animal nursery, was an enormous success. It proved to be of great entertainment and educational value to the 161 000 visitors who attended the show. The team from Animal Science did an excellent job of showcasing their discipline. Other contributors included Botany, Food Security, Forestry and Horticulture.

Sharing skills

Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) has embarked on a number of business oriented community upliftment projects which aim to impart entrepreneurial skills and knowledge to those who need them most.

Based on the Westville Campus, SIFE has a membership of 30 students and runs five projects in communities. The projects target women, children, the disabled, youth, the previously disadvantaged and anyone who has an interest in business.

In the Learn Entrepreneurship Challenge, SIFE volunteers teach grade 11 and 12 learners how to start and sustain a business, and how to practice business in an ethical and socially responsible manner. This year, AD Lazarus Secondary in Reservoir Hills won the challenge.

Other projects include the 2010 Project, E-Ntrepreneur Project, which encourage small businesses to use the internet as a business tool; the Eyethu, Ukukhanya Women's Empowerment Project.

The 2010 Project uses the power of soccer and sport to address the shortage of entrepreneurial skills in Africa.

One entrepreneur who has benefited from SIFE assistance is Mr Goge, who manufactures and sells a traditional immune booster with the support of three family members in the Durban city centre. After getting advice from SIFE, he started using recycled bottles used as containers, changed his packaging and achieved exposure of his product at a national level. He now employs 35 people.



Show-goers gather around the tsunami model.

A fuel-less car?

Final year mechanical engineering student Isaac Bohlken has participated in the Vehicle Design Summit which explored different ways of propelling a vehicle without using fuel, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Boston



Isaac Bohlken (UKZN) and Oskar van Dijk (The Netherlands) apply high-build epoxy primer to the plug from which they will make a mold for the bottom half of the car.

Bohlken is a member of a team of engineering students who are busy designing, and will build, UKZN's second generation solar car.

The summit, which brought together 60 student engineers from 10 countries, was held from 13 June to 13 August. The aim of the summit was to design and build four vehicles which demonstrate the use of various alternate energy sources

and advance sustainable transportation. The efficiencies of these vehicles, says Bohlken, should be equivalent to 300 miles per gallon (approximately 130 kilometres per litre) of petrol.

The four teams used AHPV, Bio Fuel, Fuel Cell, and Pulse. AHPV is an electrically assisted, human powered vehicle based on a recumbent tricycle configuration.

The Bio Fuel car uses an engine that runs on straight vegetable oil. The Fuel Cell car will be powered by a hydrogen fuel cell, and the Pulse car is a sporty, single seat, electric commuter vehicle.

The only representative from Africa, Bohlken was part of the Team Pulse at MIT. This is part of his final year project towards completion of his mechanical engineering degree.

Focus on internationalisation

With the support of the International Relations Committee UKZN International (UKZN-I) convened a three-day conference to highlight the Institution as a destination for international students and academics, share information about our strategic collaborative partnerships, and, perhaps most important, to engage the University community and partners in a colloquium on the meaning of internationalisation.

The conference was particularly relevant as UKZN is in the process of preparing key strategic planning documents and has identified 'relational characteristics' as one of its key element of institutional identity – that is, how the University positions itself in relation to the external world. One consequence of globalisation for universities is that knowledge production and dissemination are no longer the preserve of universities. In order to tap into these diverse sources of knowledge, the university needs to engage in partnerships at every level – at individual, faculty and institutional level; and at the local and international levels.

Quality will increasingly be judged on the number of partnerships and collaborative arrangements built into our teaching, research and curriculum design.

The conference was planned to contribute to the achievement of the University's intention to be



Dr Roshen Kishun: Director of International Relations, UKZN; Professor Michael Kahn: HSRC; Professor Malegapuru Makgoba: UKZN Vice-Chancellor; and Professor Tom La Belle: Adjunct Professor, University of California, Berkeley.

a world class university and global player by ensuring its international relevance and competitiveness by engaging in collaborative international teaching, research and development projects; internationalising the curricula; increasing the number of international students and international study experiences for UKZN staff and students; and integrating international and intercultural dimensions into all University activities.

The conference, which ran from 23 to 25 August on the Howard College, Pietermaritzburg and Westville campuses, was marked by insightful presentations, inspir-

ing discussions and debates.

Welcoming delegates to the University, Vice-Chancellor and Principal Professor Malegapuru Makgoba defined internationalisation as "the statement about identity, knowledge production and the way we engage and interact with people in the world". He added that internationalisation had become one of the criteria by means of which universities benchmark, brand and project themselves. He shared with delegates the Senate resolution that the University may have 10% of undergraduates as international students. The University has many links and academic

projects with other institutions in the world. These are activities linked to memoranda of understanding and exchange programmes. He believes that internationalisation allows universities to undergo self-critical analysis to improve what they do and to compete with the best in the world.

Speaking on the characteristics of an international university, Professor Tom La Belle, an Adjunct Professor of Education at the University of California (Berkeley) and a visiting international professor at Obirin

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CHEMISTRY RESEARCHERS EXCEL



Ms Xaba and Professor Jaganyi show off their awards.

UKZN featured among the winners at the annual Technology and Human Resources for Industry Programme (THRIP) Excellence Awards in Midrand on 5 October. This prestigious event “recognises the commitment and achievements of the local scientific community, emphasising peer recognition and highlighting the international relevance of the National Research Foundation’s evaluation and rating system”.

Professor Deogratius Jaganyi, Chemistry researcher and Deputy-Dean of the Faculty of Science & Agriculture, and his PhD student, Ms Nontokoza Xaba, were awarded top honours for their outstanding contributions to scientific research in the field of Double Bond Isomerization. Professor Jaganyi won the award

for Outstanding Black Research/Project Leader while Ms Xaba was the winner in the Best Black or Female Student Category. Trade and Industry Minister, Mr Mandisi Mphahlele, presented the trophies to the winners.

Ms Xaba’s award was a significant achievement in her academic career and Professor Jaganyi, her PhD supervisor, was extremely proud of her accomplishments. She joined UKZN through the Science Foundation Programme, an access programme targeting students from disadvantaged schools who have academic potential. She completed her Bachelor of Science and Honours degrees and advanced to receive a Master of Science degree *cum laude*. Ms Xaba is currently pursuing a PhD degree which she is expecting to complete in 2007.

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Focus on internationalisation

University in Tokyo, emphasised that this would mean joint research with international counterparts.

“The leadership would use their positions to lead the University toward the appreciation of the comparative scientific method, cultural difference and the importance of interdependence at home and abroad. It would not fixate on building a completely new model of what it means to be a university, but instead would pick and choose from those successful aspects of models worldwide and build on its own natural strengths.”

There were 22 participants from Australia, Germany, France, Finland, Sweden, Norway, and the United States of America, representing more than 15 universities and other partner institutions and over a 100 delegates from UKZN and local universities. The SRC and International Student Association were participants in the deliberations and shared their thoughts with the participants. Students who participated in the exchange and study abroad programmes shared

their experiences with conference delegates. There were also poster displays and social events attended by the Deputy Mayor of Durban and other dignitaries.

What became clear during the presentations was that the realities of globalisation (greater competition, relentless pressures to innovate and growing concerns over environmental degradation) have resulted in a common perception that ‘knowledge societies’ are those that develop new ideas, technologies, methods, etc. that are crucial for future prosperity. This means universities like UKZN that seek to position themselves to take advantage of the opportunities to internationalise need to develop cultures that are international in scope such as the creation, transfer and use of knowledge. University leaders must seek ways to further connect themselves in strategic infrastructure where ideas flow and new initiatives blossom. That is the challenge for UKZN as it seeks to develop new strategic directions in the African context.

Love to learn

Education is a family affair at Lilliput Learners. The pre-primary school, which is situated on UKZN’s Howard College campus, is run by alumnus Tatum Robinson and her mother. Tatum’s brother and father are both involved in the University – her brother in the Drama Department and her father, Jeff Robinson, in the Music Department, where he lectures and is involved in jazz performance.

As the school motto, ‘learn to love, love to learn’, emphasises, Lilliput is not a daycare centre but a committed learning facility that recognises early childhood education to be of fundamental importance in the development of competent and happy people (who at a later stage will hopefully return to UKZN to further their studies!).

Honour for Professor Freund

The Economic History and Development Studies Programme, School of Politics, launched the *festschrift* edition of the African Studies journal honouring Professor Bill Freund, on 20 September. The function was attended by many of Professor Freund's friends, colleagues, current and former students and the general University community.



Professor Bill Freund, Professor Fikile Mazibuko, Professor Henry Bernstein and Professor David Moore.

In her opening remarks, Professor Fikile Mazibuko: Deputy Vice Chancellor and Head of the College of Humanities, described Professor Freund as a teacher, scholar, and writer. She saluted him for producing graduates of a high calibre. Many of Professor Freund's former students are academics at UKZN, who command respect worldwide.

Freund was born in Chicago, USA, and spent time in Nigeria and Tanzania before moving to South Africa. His research interests are rooted in the continent of Africa. His

book, *The Making of Contemporary Africa*, is a widely acclaimed publication.

Professor David Moore, one of the *festschrift's* editors, read some of the contributors' tributes.

Contributor Professor Henry Bernstein, of the School of Oriental and African Studies in London, spoke about his long intellectual relationship with Professor Freund, while UKZN's Professor Robert Morrell spoke of his time as Professor Freund's doctoral student.

UNAIDS advisor



Course co-ordinator Professor Leclerc-Madlala presents a certificate to Dr Kokoloko, head of a national healer organisation, on successfully completing a course in HIV prevention.

Professor of Anthropology, Suzanne Leclerc-Madlala, has been appointed as an advisor to UNAIDS for HIV prevention in Southern Africa. The appointment was made at the recent XVI International AIDS Conference in Toronto in recognition of her ongoing work on the underlying socio-cultural drivers of the disease.

Presenting a paper in the session entitled "Refining the Southern African Prevention Paradigm", Professor Leclerc-Madlala delineated the various shaping forces that, through time, have contributed to the lethal combination of gender inequalities, poverty and HIV and AIDS. She said: "We cannot hope to arrest the spread of HIV in the sub-region if we ignore the context in which this epidemic is occurring. High rates of sexual violence, child abuse, intergenerational and transactional sex, silence

and stigma are all endemic and are catalysed by poverty and the growing wealth gap."

With 2006 declared by the UN as the Year for Accelerated HIV Prevention, Professor Leclerc-Madlala is concerned that the introduction of new prevention technologies such as microbicides gels for women and circumcision for men do not displace efforts aimed at social and behavioural change. She believes that society needs to shift in the way it relates to itself, including the ways in which men and women relate to each other: "If we ignore the wider contextual issues, our scientific responses to HIV could be viewed as little more than an acceptance that women's human rights will be abused and the best we can do is manage the process. I think we can do much better than that."

New Medical School Dean



Professor Willem Sturm

Leading scientist and academic, Professor Willem Sturm, has been appointed Dean of the Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine. The appointment is for four years.

Professor Sturm joined the University of Natal's Medical School in 1993 as Chief Specialist and Head of Medical Microbiology where he made a significant contribution to research in the areas of tuberculosis, HIV1 co-infection and sexually transmitted

diseases. He is a prolific author and has published widely in peer reviewed scientific and medical journals. He serves as an advisor to the provincial Department of Health on policies on the use of antimicrobial drugs and as an *ad-hoc* advisor on infection control issues in the design of new and existing hospitals, as well as on infection control problems in hospitals.

Well known for his decisive leadership, Professor Sturm said: "The Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine has gone through difficult times. We have to work together towards a Medical School with high academic standards in both research and teaching. This can only be achieved in an environment where students and staff mutually respect one another across the boundaries of race and gender. During my term of office I will endeavour to ensure that this goal is realised."

Commenting on his appointment, Professor Leana Uys, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the College of Health Sciences said: "I believe that Professor Sturm is the right person for the Medical School at this time and look forward to his term of office as Dean."



Conference bags produced in Eshowe.

CEAD's win benefits rural crafters

In 2005 the Centre of Environment, Agriculture and Development, with the support of the UKZN Development Foundation, received a grant of R 250 000 from the Karl and Emily Fuchs Foundation. This was one of four projects funded by Fuchs with the common focus of promoting social entrepreneurship amongst

rural communities. Fuchs included in this grant a competitive aspect – on completion the winning project would receive an additional R100 000.

The focus of CEAD's outreach intervention was to assist rural craft producers in Eshowe achieve independence through co-operation and capacity building to improve marketing, production and management

Silver Medal at Garden Show

systems. Included in this was the adaptation of traditional craft products to match the large and lucrative corporate and conference markets. The project has enjoyed significant success. A leadership group has been drawn from existing producer groups. These individuals have established the Inina Craft Agency, which is able to support individual producer groups and market on their behalf. The Agency is electronically networked and is able to interact directly and effectively with customers and clients, notably Nedbank, a previous funder of the initiative. Large orders have been secured and have been processed.

Using the grant CEAD was able to leverage R437 000 from Gijima KZN (European Union KZN Local Economic Development Programme) for ongoing support of the initiative. It was also able to link the project to the Rural Entrepreneurship Research Programme, funded by the Ford Foundation, and so deploy post-graduate students to research various aspects of the intervention.

In July this year staff from Fuchs formally evaluated the project and awarded it the R100 000 prize. In agreement with Fuchs, this money is to be allocated directly to the Inina Craft Agency to improve cashflow, provide income protection and to allow it to build stock levels of raw materials and completed products.

The project is a wonderful learning experience for all involved, contributes significantly to the University's outreach and research efforts and proves that successful partnerships between donors, tertiary institutions, the private sector and rural communities can make fundamental differences to people's lives.

For the fourth consecutive year the University's exhibit featured among the medal winners at the Garden and Leisure Show held at the show grounds in Pietermaritzburg from 6-8 October.

products, marketing of the product (including staff on stand) and plant display.

The following disciplines and centres worked together and produced an eye-catching display that appealed to a diverse audience: Agriculture and Agribusiness, Audio

a spectacular event on the 'green' calendar, attracts a national audience of approximately 24 000 visitors, making it South Africa's largest ongoing three day show. This event serves to raise awareness of the University and provides an excellent marketing opportunity.



Nonkanyiso Maphumulo, from the School of Biological and Conservation Sciences, explains some interesting facts about invertebrates to two high school learners.

The UKZN exhibit, which falls in the 'Commercial' Category, was awarded a silver medal, receiving an overall mark of between 70% and 79%. Judging criteria included product display, relevant information on

Visual Unit, Botany, Centre for Environment, Agriculture and Development (CEAD), Entomology, Electron Microscopy Unit, Horticulture, and Zoology.

The Garden and Leisure Show,

The placement of the stand – in a prominent position near the main entrance – makes it impossible for visitors to miss.

BUSINESS TRAINER

Senzo Tshabalala believes that skills are the secret to successful entrepreneurship. Based at the Ithala Business Centre in V-section in uMlazi, Durban, he serves as a tutor and mentor for aspirant business-people.

Ithala has joined forces with UKZN's Centre for Entrepreneurship and the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Economic Development to equip budding entrepreneurs with the skills they need to make a go of their businesses. Tshabalala teaches the young people who have joined the



SENZO TSHABALALA

project's incubation programme financial and bookkeeping skills, and also provides a grounding in marketing, production and personnel management.

Tshabalala obtained an LLB on the Howard College campus in 1996, and also has a BCom degree from UNISA. He qualified as an advocate at the Pietermaritzburg Bar in 1996. He has a wealth of experience in small business initiatives, having previously owned and managed a general dealer business in his home town in uMsinga for 12 years. He owned three newspapers in uMsinga, uMlazi and Edendale in Pietermaritzburg where he was born.

"I am grateful to Dr Malome Khomo (the Director of the Centre for Entrepreneurship) for the opportunity to shape the future of these youngsters and make them successful. They are beginning to 'speak business' and I am sure that they will be successful," says Tshabalala.

MEDICAL SPECIALIST

Virend Kristen Somers is Professor of Medicine in the Division of Cardiovascular Diseases at the Mayo Clinic and the Mayo Foundation. He is also Director of the GCRC Sleep Core Laboratory and has been appointed as a Mayo Foundation Clinical Investigator.

Born and educated in Durban, Somers received his Doctorate in Medicine *cum laude* from the Medical School in 1980. He was awarded a Nuffield Dominion Scholarship to Oxford University in the United Kingdom where he



VIREND KRISTEN SOMERS

received his Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Cardiovascular Physiology. He completed a Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the University of Iowa.

Somers has received numerous prizes and awards, and serves on the editorial board of a number of journals. His primary research focus is in sleep and its interaction with circulatory control.

Somers participates in several community projects, and is involved with several investigators from UKZN in a substantial community-based research project.

A number of his family members are associated with the University. They are Nirvaan Somers who is currently a company director of Consilium Technologies, Sangeeta Somers who is a physician and a pathologist in Canada, Sherika Somers who is currently obtaining an advanced degree in psychology and Sanvir Somers who is working towards his engineering degree.

SEASONED WRITER

Renowned author Barbara Trapido attained her BA Honours degree in English Literature in 1963. "Having the rhythms, patterns and subtleties of great literature as furniture in your mind is the best teacher for good writing. It's buried deep but it's always there at the back of your brain."

She has a Graduate Certificate in Education from London University and has taught in inner city schools and Colleges of Further Education in the UK.



BARBARA TRAPIDO

Trapido won a nationwide best Matric essay prize and her first novel won a Whitbread Fiction Prize in 1982. Her proudest achievements are her children, Anna, who has just co-published a pan-African cookbook, and Joseph, who does beautiful etchings and is writing about Congolese Music.

She advises UKZN students to concentrate on what they feel passionate about: "Don't be a time-server. It's less likely to make you a millionaire, but it'll make you more fulfilled". She is a member of Amnesty International, PEN and the Palestine Solidarity Campaign.

Members of her family associated with UKZN include her late father, Professor FJ Schuddeboom, who taught in the Maths department on the Howard College campus from 1946 until 2001, which she considers a world record. Her sister, Fran MacDonald, took a degree in Geography at the University before doing a librarian's diploma at Wits and working in the NU Library.

MANAGER OF NOTE

"The life-blood of a University is its students and graduates," says Chief Executive Officer and Municipal Manager of the Makana Municipality in Grahamstown, Pravine Naidoo. He believes that Convocation should play a role in ensuring that UKZN's academic programmes remain relevant and responsive to the needs of government, industry and civil society.

After completing his BProc on the Westville campus, Naidoo served his two-year internship as a Candidate



PRAVINE NAIDOO

Attorney in Port Shepstone in 1994 and was admitted as an Attorney of the High Court of South Africa in the Pretoria High Court in 1996. He has served in executive management positions in municipalities in Gauteng, Mpumalanga and the Eastern Cape Provinces during the past 10 years. Managing a municipality with diverse interest groups is challenging and requires excellent leadership and management skills. Naidoo is committed to an inclusive, participatory style of management so that everyone is aware of what programmes are realistic and achievable within limited resources and constraints.

He has an MBA Degree from the Netherlands Business School and a Doctorate of Business Administration Degree (DBA) from UKZN's Graduate School of Business. He is presently undertaking post-doctoral research towards a second doctoral degree in Commerce at the Rhodes University Investec Business School in Grahamstown. He is a member of the Council of Rhodes University.

MASTER MATHEMATICIAN

Senzosenkosi Myeni has proved that hard work and dedication can triumph over hurdles.

Born in Glendale in the Maphumulo area, Myeni has joined the ranks of that rare breed of mathematicians and statisticians. He obtained his BSc in Applied Mathematics and Statistics at Howard College in 2003, and his MSc degree *cum laude* in Applied Mathematics. He is currently a LEAP (Leadership, Equity and Advancement Programme) lecturer in the School of Mathematical Sciences on the Westville campus.



SENZOSENKOSI MYENI

He measures his achievements by the number of people he has a positive influence on. When he meets students he tutored in matric who are now studying at the University, he feels a great sense of fulfillment.

Myeni runs free Saturday classes in at the KwaMashu Christian Centre, where learners are tutored in Maths, Science, Biology, Accounting and Economics at grade 11 and 12 levels.

Consistent performance landed him a bursary from ESKOM for his undergraduate degree. He has also been funded by the National Research Foundation and a UKZN graduate assistantship. The School of Mathematical Science also sponsored him to attend a conference. He is also very grateful to his parents, his community and church, and his wife, Slindile, who have all shaped his life to be the way it is.

COMMUNITY CRUSADER

“People do not have faith in women. As a woman you have to prove all the time that you are capable and that you can come up with ideas that can make a significant impact,” says Zandile Sibaya.

Sibaya works as an Operations Manager for Siyakhula Trust in Johannesburg. This organisation was formed to help community-based organisations and government officials develop skills so they can initiate and manage developmental and job creation projects to the benefit of the communities they serve.



ZANDILE SIBAYA

She was born and schooled in Soweto before obtaining her Bachelor of Arts degree on the Howard College campus in 1998. She also holds a Diploma in Project Management and a Diploma in Management. She worked for Amajuba District Municipality from 2001-2005 as a Social Development Manager. She was able to help rural women start small businesses. Today, those businesses have grown and the women are regarded as entrepreneurs. As part of her community, she also launched the District AIDS Council and formulated the District HIV and AIDS Plan (Amajuba District Municipality) in 2003.

Sibaya is currently doing a project for Anglo Platinum where she is responsible for four home-based care projects in North West and Limpopo. She will be ensuring that Community Based Organisations (CBOs) are sustainable through helping formulate business plans, governance manuals, policies, marketing strategies, and funding proposals.

SPECIALIST PATHOLOGIST

Dr Ezra Masenya qualified as a doctor at the tender age of 20. At the age of 27, he is perhaps the youngest histopathologist in South Africa.

Born in Mtubatuba, Masenya matriculated at Umfolozi High School. He earned his MBCHB degree in 1999, served his internship at Prince Mshiyeni Memorial Hospital and performed community service at Montebello Hospital, a rural hospital, in 2001. He returned to the Medical School to specialise in Anatomical Pathology between 2002 and 2006, whereafter he accepted a post at Lancet laboratories



EZRA MASENYA

as a Histopathologist.

Masenya believes that everyone is capable of achieving something as long they focus on what they want and maintain a positive attitude. He hopes to encourage students from rural schools to come to university. He would also like to see himself playing more of a role in research and teaching at the Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine.

His wife, Dr Nokubonga Khoza, also studied at the Medical School, and they were married in June this year. Masenya says that she is his "pillar of support". Khoza is currently a medical officer at KwaDabeka clinic.

Masenya believes that Convocation is crucial as it serves as a vehicle that allows former graduates to contribute to the development of the University. He feels that much work still needs to be done in terms of getting more people to participate as ambassadors for the University.

HUMAN EXECUTIVE

Martin Birtwhistle believes that Convocation plays an important role in helping the University to not lose sight of its roots and to provide input on the current and changing needs of its market.

Birtwhistle works as an HR Executive for Masonite (Africa) Ltd. Prior to this he worked for Tiger Brands as an HR Manager for Beacon Sweets & Chocolates. He says that the "best part of my job is facilitating employee growth and growing the company's intellectual capital".



MARTIN BIRTWHISTLE

His view on life is that people are responsible for their own future. He also believes that life is about relationships and community and is passionate about giving back to the community.

Born in Zimbabwe, Birtwhistle matriculated at Pinetown Boys High School. He has fond memories of Rag at University and participated in anti-apartheid activities through the National Union of South African Students (NUSAS). He graduated in 1985 with a Bachelor of Social Science and an Honours degree in Industrial Psychology.

He believes in striking a balance between work and family life. He serves as Chairperson of St Martin's Diocesan Home for Children and on the Management Board at Maris Stella school.

"The merging of institutions and setting up areas of excellence is a priority. Institutions also need to focus on achieving greater efficiencies and providing education at the lowest cost possible," he says.

Alumnus events

The Alumni Affairs office held a number of successful events in the second half of 2006. The Alumni Affairs Team looks forward to meeting more alumni at future events. Please ensure that your postal and email addresses are up-to-date so that you will receive invitations to our special events. Some of the activities included:

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

During June and July, three two-day Leadership Workshops for alumni – organised by the Alumni Affairs office and facilitated by Marie Odendaal of the Student Leadership Development Office (Pietermaritzburg campus) and Mandla Ndaba (Westville campus) – took place on the Pietermaritzburg, Howard College and Westville campuses.

The workshop from 1-2 June on the Pietermaritzburg campus was attended by 24 graduates who were

all keen to improve their leadership skills and use the skills as preparation for their entrance into – and upward movement within – the workplace.

From 19-20 July a group of 27 alumni from as far afield as the Eastern Cape attended the Leadership Workshop on the Howard College campus. In the convivial atmosphere discussions were animated and interactive.

The third workshop on the Westville campus from 25-26 July was attended by 25 alumni who found it “interesting”, “informative” and “an

excellent course introducing one to the various styles of leadership”.

Participants ranged from very recent graduates to graduates with years of work experience. The graduates, a number of whom had travelled from the Eastern Cape and Gauteng as well as from northern and southern KwaZulu-Natal, discovered the value of effective listening and communication while tackling their own assumptions, stereotypes and prejudices. Conflict management and basic problem solving skills were part of the course.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP WORKSHOPS

During June and July 2006 three one-day Entrepreneurship Workshops for alumni – organised by the Alumni Affairs office and facilitated by Ashwin Singh of the School of Management Studies and Professor Darma Mahadea of the School of Economics and Finance – were held on the Howard College, Pietermaritzburg and Westville campuses.

The Howard College workshop



Leadership workshops



Entrepreneurship workshops

on 22 June was attended by 31 graduates who were all keen to learn more about the essentials of starting a business – from the initial writing of a business plan proposal, through to securing finance and management-related issues.

On 29 June a group of 28 alumni attended the workshop on the Pietermaritzburg campus. The third workshop took place on the Westville campus on 18 July. This workshop was attended by 32 alumni.

Participants ranged from graduates who already own businesses to those who are eager to take the plunge and start a business. Graduates who attended came from KwaZulu-Natal as well as Gauteng, the Free State and Eastern Cape.

These workshops are an annual feature on the programme of the Alumni Affairs office and will be run again in 2007.

The Alumni Affairs office is keen to receive feedback from graduates regarding the types of workshops they would like to attend.

WOMEN'S DAY FUNCTION

The annual Women's Day Alumnus Function took place on 4 August. Ninety women graduates met at the Riverside Hotel in Durban to celebrate women and the strides they have made since South African women took a stand against apartheid legislation and marched in their thousands on the Union Buildings 50 years ago.

The guest speaker was fellow alumnus and the University's Executive Director of Equity, Ms Reena Budree. She provided a comprehensive overview on the role of women at the University, progress in the promotion of women into leadership positions and highlighted one of the University's latest publications, *UKZN Women: Making a Difference*, which profiles 50 of the University's female staff members. Graduates found her talk informative, inspiring and encouraging. She was introduced by the articulate Reshma Badal, Secretary of Convocation.

The tone for the day was set by welcome drinks upon arrival and

the vast variety of food on offer was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A lucky draw saw 15 women walking off with wonderful prizes.

Should any alumni have ideas or suggestions on what form they would like future Women's Day celebrations to take, we would like to hear from them.

PIETERMARITZBURG ALUMNUS DINNER

Ninety graduates met at The Dive, Hexagon Theatre on the Pietermaritzburg campus on 12 August for an evening of good music and food. The show, *Yesterday Once More – Hits of the 1960s and 1970s*, was nostalgic and had many graduates clapping hands and tapping feet to the sounds of old familiar songs. The venue was cleverly decorated to represent the era of the music, the table settings beautifully done and the three-course dinner praised by all.

The attendees – who ranged from graduates of the 1960s to the 2000s – reluctantly left around pumpkin hour only after eliciting promises that a

similar event would be held within the next few months.

CUM LAUDE/ SUMMA CUM LAUDE LUNCH

The COMSA Lounge on the Westville campus was filled to capacity on 15 August. One hundred and thirty five *Cum Laude* and *Summa Cum Laude* graduates who graduated at the May 2006 ceremonies were invited to a celebratory lunch by UKZN Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Professor Malegapuru Makgoba. The lunch, which was co-ordinated by the Alumni Affairs office, was intended to convey to graduates that their *alma mater* is indeed proud of them and that they can play important roles as ambassadors of the University.

Speeches by Professor Makgoba and Andre Young (President and Chair of Convocation) were listened to by an attentive audience and musical entertainment by Chris Jensen was enjoyed by all.

Feedback from the graduates who attended the lunch was extremely



Women's Day function



Alumnus dinner

positive: "... It was lovely to be treated to such an occasion and I would definitely suggest that UKZN continues with this tradition in the future" (Michelle Peddle). "... The food was superb and the speeches really made me feel proud to be a celebratory graduate...I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as a student at the University and now I that I am working and no longer a student, this lunch was the cherry on the top for my academic career" (Elsa Dupen).

GOLDEN REUNION

The Alumni Affairs office hosted the annual Golden Alumni Reunion on the Pietermaritzburg campus on 14 September. This year was the turn of the graduates of 1956 and all graduates from 1956 and before were invited. The function was attended by 32 graduates including their partners/guests.

After tea on the verandah of the Margaret Kirkwood Hall, guests went for a tour of part of the campus, visiting the Centre for African Literary Studies, the Library and the Department of Physics. Graduates enjoyed the tour as well as the chance to see the beauti-

fully maintained grounds (with azaleas and jacarandas in full bloom) and showed their enthusiasm by asking the tour-leader an array of questions. A group photograph was taken on the steps leading to the Colin Webb Hall. The Margaret Kirkwood Hall was the venue for the lunch, with Chris Jensen playing a number of musical favourites.

The Guest Speaker at the lunch was Professor Fikile Mazibuko (Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Head of the College of Humanities). Professor Mazibuko provided the graduates with an overview of the University after the merger and gave examples of how the Universities of Durban-Westville and Natal had become integrated and how the University was now working towards becoming the Premier University of African Scholarship. Professor Mazibuko also provided an opportunity for graduates to ask questions.

Guests received a University of KwaZulu-Natal mug as a memento of the event. The graduates thoroughly enjoyed the day.



Golden reunion participants.

DATES TO DIARISE

MARCH:

14 March: Cape Town Alumnus Dinner
16 March: Pretoria Alumnus Event
17 March: Johannesburg Alumnus Dinner

APRIL:

16-26 April: Graduations

MAY:

9 May: *Cum Laude* and *Summa Cum Laude* Celebratory Event
17 May: Alumnus Business Breakfast in Durban
22 May: Durban Alumnus Event (Barnyard Theatre)

JUNE:

Leadership Workshop on Howard College campus (Three Days)
Entrepreneurship Workshop on Howard College campus (Two Days)
Reunion to be held on Howard College campus

Invitation to join THE UKZN GAUTENG-BASED ALUMNI GOLF CLUB

The UKZN Gauteng-based Alumni Golf Club is a social club, which has been formed as part of the Davis Cup League. The Davis Cup is an association of the Alumni of South African universities, which gets together on the Golf Course to play and network. The Davis Cup promotes:

- Golf as a medium for social interaction and enjoyment;
- a sense of loyalty and belonging to one's *alma mater*;
- a competitive spirit;
- a network to provide opportunities to alumni for expanding their business interests.

Membership is free and open to all UKZN golfing alumni. As most of our fixtures are in Gauteng we are mainly looking for UKZN alumni who play golf and live in Gauteng. Throughout the calendar year we compete in league matches, mixed matches, inter-varsity cups, 'major' tournaments and attend the Swaziland International.

To sign up, please forward your contacts details to ggahagan@bwlog.com or telephone 082 903 8061. Once your details are in our database, you will begin to receive invitations to play in the events.

For further information on the Davis Cup
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Class Notes is a collection of short biographies sent to us by alumni from all over the world, highlighting their personal and professional achievements. Through these notes, alumni keep in touch and find old friends

In the past six months, we have had an overwhelming response to our call for Class Notes. We have dedicated more pages to this section in this issue, but were still unable to accommodate all your submissions. Contributions that do not appear in this issue will be published in subsequent issues of UKZNTOUCH

1950s

Samuel David Goshen – BCom'55, CTA'57 qualified as a Chartered Accountant. He settled in Israel in 1960 with his wife, Deborah. He qualified as a Certified Public Accountant in Israel and worked for 14 years in a large Public Accountant Firm. He then went into Commerce and Industry and in 1986 qualified as a registered Real Estate Broker/Property Manager – a field in which he is still active today.
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Albert Lambinon – BArch(6yr)'58 married Shirley Carlson in 1959. He worked in London for a year and then immigrated to the USA. He designed themed amusement parks and other entertainment facilities in the US and around the world. They lived in Santa Monica, California and have one daughter. They are now retired and living on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, USA
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Deborah Hannah Goshen (nee Hadany) – BSocSc'59 settled in Israel with her husband, David. After raising four children she practiced as a Social Worker at a Child Development Centre at Tel Hashomer Hospital. The last ten years before retirement (end 2004) she was in charge of social services in Savyon. Since retirement she has been dealing with residential solutions for senior citizens and interior design assignments.
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John Gordon Sheppard – MSc'59 went to Imperial College to do a PhD. He took up a lectureship at the then University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland in Salisbury. He became Professor of Chemistry in 1980 and in 1984 moved to take up the directorship of the University of Zimbabwe Computer Centre. He took early retirement in 1997 and has been working as an independent computer consultant. He left Zimbabwe shortly thereafter to live in England.
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1960s

Gloria Dawn Hardman (nee Webb) – BA(Maths & Eng)'61 works at Yale University in Connecticut and is responsible for supporting their course management system which is based on Sakai (<http://www.sakaiproject.org>). The job is stimulating and constantly changing which keeps life interesting. She discovered the joys of golf a few years back and spends as much time as possible on the golf course. She would welcome email from alumni of any vintage.
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David McLean McLeod Towns – BA'63 worked for the Natal Education Department for several years until he emigrated to New Zealand in 1971/2. Appointed as administrative assistant at the University of Canterbury in 1972, his first task was as executive secretary to the committee organising the University's centennial celebrations in 1973. David continued to work at the University, rising to rank

of deputy registrar until retirement in 2005. He is now happily retired with his wife Ruth in Christchurch. He visited Pietermaritzburg in 2004, meeting up with family and friends over four weeks.
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Jillian Frances Mary Gilliland (nee Hulme) – BA'64 is an illustrator who has had an exciting year with the launch of the first CD from the newspaper feature *Tell me a Story* which she produces with columnist Amy Friedman. This feature runs in over 100 newspapers in Canada and the United States and other parts of the world. The CD has received many favourable reviews and won a major US National Award – the 2006 National Parenting Publications Awards (NAPPA) Children's Products.
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Michael Henry Moore – BSc Eng (Elec)'64 was a resident of Louis Botha and Ernest Jansen Halls and

a member of the SRC. He received his MBA from UCT in 1967. Michael joined Anglo American Corporation and worked his entire career with its subsidiary, Boart Longyear (products and contracting services for mineral exploration). He transferred to Melbourne, Australia in 1972, to Minneapolis, USA in 1977, to Atlanta, USA in 1987, to Salt Lake City in 1991, and back to Johannesburg in 1997 as CEO of Boart Longyear. Michael married Carol J Clark in 1967 and has two daughters and a son and five grandchildren. They retired at the end of 2003 and returned to the USA.
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Roger David Crawford – BA'69 is currently Executive Director: Government Affairs and Policy for Johnson & Johnson, where he has worked for the past 25 years. He is also serving a two year term of office as President of the American Chamber of Commerce in South Africa. In addition he is involved in the process to create a Health Charter for the transformation

of the delivery of health services in the country.

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Gillian Peta Davies Crawford (nee Thomas) – PG-UED'69, BSc'70 runs the Educate, Develop for Life (EEDL) Foundation and is a consultant to an international training organisation. Gill has a doctorate in applied adult education from the University of the Western Cape. She and her husband, Roger, reside in Sandton.

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Howard Driman – BCom'69, PG Dip(Acc)'72 became a Chartered Accountant in 1972. He and his wife (a Wits alumnus) immigrated to Toronto in 1978. He worked for many years in the investment management field and for the past six years has been Director of Finance of a major Canadian charitable organisation. As a volunteer, he has been involved with The Holocaust Centre of Toronto for many years, serving as its Chair for five years. He and his wife have a married son and a daughter, both recent University of Western Ontario graduates.
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1970s

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Three new books from the UKZN Press

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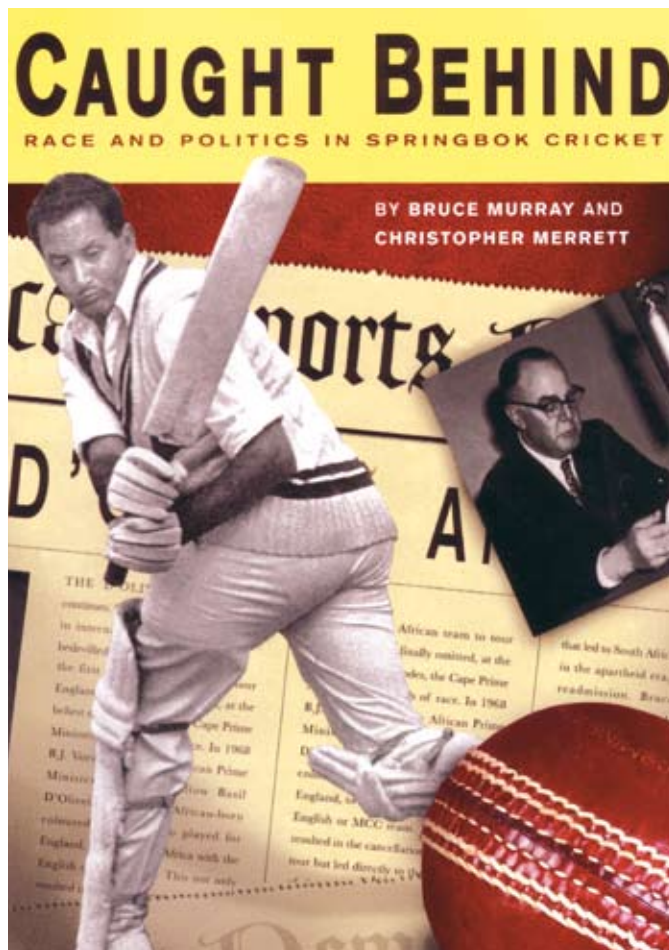
In 1894, the formidable fast bowler, H 'Krom' Hendricks, was nominated for the first South African

Authors Bruce Murray and Christopher Merrett shed light on the role of Black cricket and Black cricketers in South Africa and provide the social, historical and political context of the racially exclusive teams – the

of KwaZulu-Natal. He has written extensively on the themes of race, politics and sport in South Africa.

REMEMBERING THE REBELLION THE ZULU UPRISING OF 1906

Remembering the Rebellion narrates and commemorates the Zulu or Bham-batha rebellion of 1906 with riveting

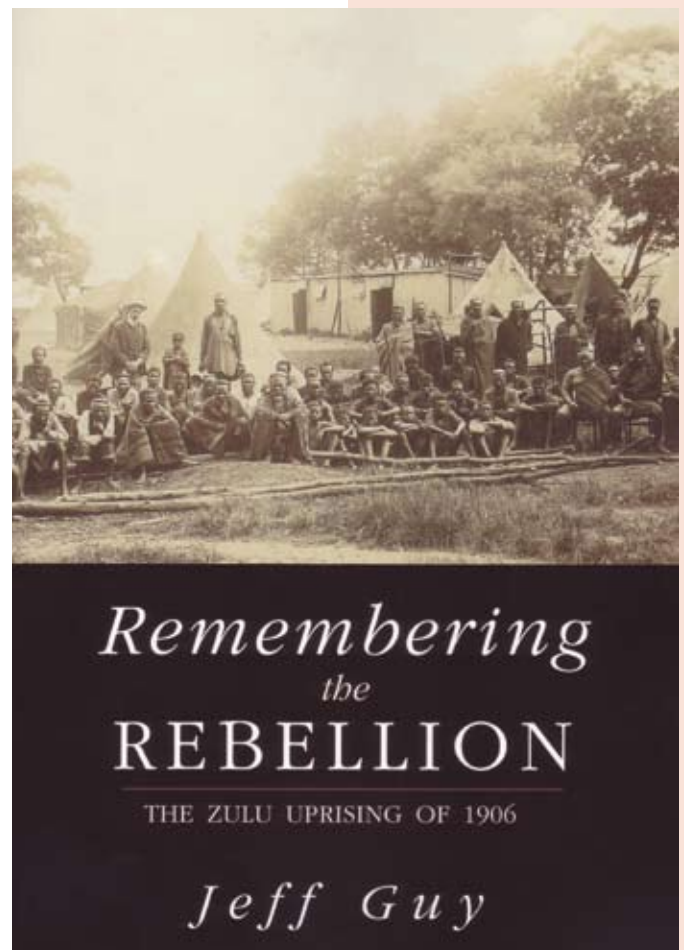


team to tour England but was omitted at the behest of Cecil Rhodes, the Cape Prime Minister, on the grounds that he was 'coloured'.

Caught Behind is a readable account of the events and political machinations that led to South Africa's cricket isolation during apartheid and its ultimate readmission.

Springboks – that represented South Africa in international Test match cricket between 1888 and 1970.

Bruce Murray is Emeritus Professor of History at the University of the Witwatersrand and President of the Croxley Wits Cricket Club. Christopher Merrett is Director of Administration at the University



anecdotes, maps and illustrations, many of them previously unpublished. The people of KwaZulu-Natal, already suffering the material and social consequences of colonialism, were further provoked by the imposition of a poll tax and the official determination to treat all protests against the tax as defiance. The resistance that followed

was put down with uncompromising violence: but the memory of rebellion became an inspiration to those who continued the struggle against racial exploitation in South Africa. This is the centenary year of the rebellion.

When President Thabo Mbeki bestowed National Orders on 28 South Africans recently, the Gold Order Mendi for Bravery was awarded posthumously to Bham-batha Ka Mancinza Zondi for his bravery in leading a rebellion against the repressive laws of the colonialist government and for laying down his life for the cause of justice.

Jeff Guy's most recent book, *The Maphumulo Uprising: War, Law and Ritual in the Zulu Rebellion* was published in 2005 by the UKZN Press and was described in the *Mail & Guardian* as a 'highly complex, carefully researched work of critical history . . .' and by the *Sunday Independent* as 'a brilliant attempt to throw light on part of this dark area, in which the life stories of 90 percent of South Africans are obscured'.

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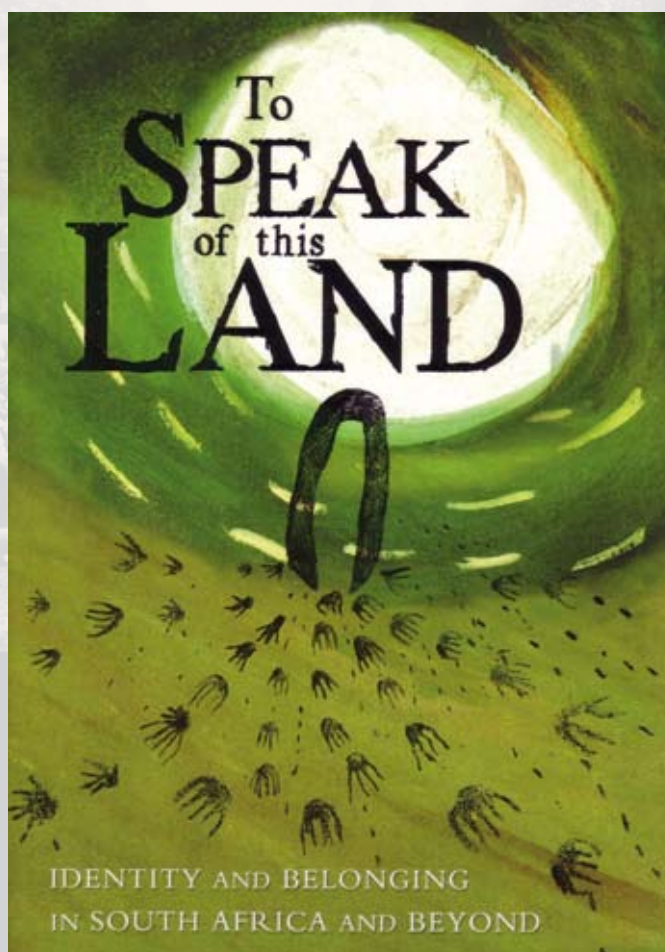
TO SPEAK OF THIS LAND IDENTITY AND BELONGING IN SOUTH AFRICA AND BEYOND

Notions of identity, belonging and place are crucial issues in South Africa today. This book

'global' aspects of 'local' identities.

'If this is your land, where are your stories?' is the question put by a Native Canadian community to a group of government foresters who were mapping

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explores these areas in a way that is academically rigorous but refreshingly accessible.

Duncan Brown's focus is South Africa – ranging from rock painting and oral storytelling to rap music – but he draws on comparative material from elsewhere in the world, as well as stressing the

and claiming jurisdiction over an area of woodlands in northwest Canada. *To Speak of this Land* offers thought-provoking answers from a South African context to this internationally challenging question.

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A FAMILY AFFAIR

Earlier this year, the BBC, in conjunction with the Oxford English Dictionary, screened a television show, "Balderdash & Piffle", in which they appealed to the public to send in antedates of some well-known words or phrases which the OED researchers had been unable to find. One of these phrases was the well-known children's party game, "pass the parcel". The OED had a citation from 1967, although the game had been known to

exist long before that. They now needed verifiably dated evidence to prove the earlier existence of the phrase. One citation sent in was dated 1954 but referred to adults, not children, playing pass the parcel.

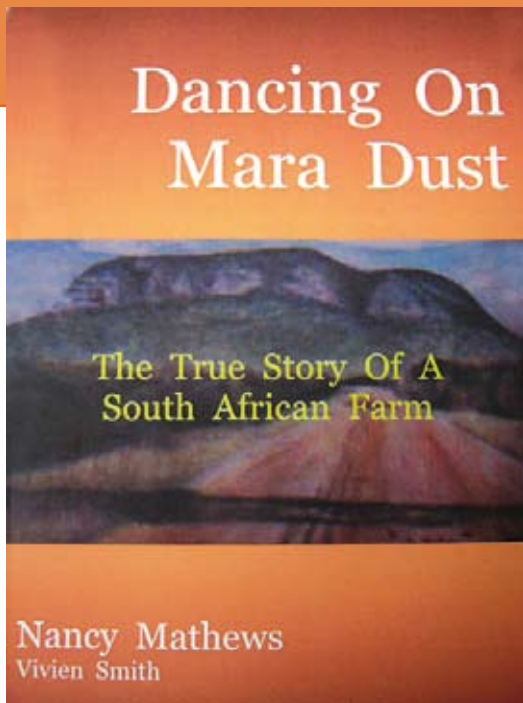
Alumnus of 1967 Vivien Smith knew that as a child of eight, she had written the phrase in a story. After a lengthy search, she found her "A book about the Browns" hidden under her mother's bed, and contacted the OED. Her 1955 citation

for "pass the parcel" was accepted by an OED panel. This means that she is probably the youngest author whose work is cited in the Oxford English Dictionary, which she refers to as "my only claim to immortality". (<http://www.oed.com/bbcwords/parcel-new.html>)

Vivien is following a family literary tradition. Her mother, Nancy Mathews, has produced her autobiography, a vivid account of her early years in the Soutpansberg

region during the 1920s and 1930s, and of her return decades later. *Dancing on Mara Dust* is an intriguing insight into attitudes and a way of life that have disappeared.

Dancing on Mara Dust includes several original photographs. It is published by Vivien Clear Publishing and is available through eBay and amazon.com, or by emailing Vivien on vivienclear@yahoo.co.uk



Convocation honours alumni

The Convocation of the University of KwaZulu-Natal bestowed Convocation Awards on distinguished alumni for outstanding contributions to their respective fields and society at the annual Convocation AGM and Awards event held at One on One: Gateway on 30 October

The four Awardees were:

MS NOZIZWE CHARLOTTE MADLALA-ROUTLEDGE

Ms Nozizwe Charlotte Madlala-Routledge was honoured with an award for outstanding contribution to human freedom and endeavour.

South Africa's Deputy Minister of Health, Ms Madlala-Routledge was born in Magog, Umzumbe, and obtained a first class matric at Inanda Seminary. She attended first year medical school at the Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine before going to Fort Hare where she enrolled for a Bachelor of Science degree, but was excluded from further study following student protests.

She was detained a number of times under the Internal Security Act. After her release without trial she went on to work at the Centre for Social and Development Studies on the Howard College campus, and then for the Centre for Adult Education. She completed a higher diploma in Adult Education and a Bachelor of Social Science degree, majoring in Sociology and Philosophy.

Madlala-Routledge was elected to parliament in 1994 and participated in the constitutional assembly, which



WINNERS ALL: (l-r) Mr Sandile Ngcobo (Convocation Executive member), Dr John Manning, Ms Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge, Mr André Young (Convocation President), Professor Anna Coutsooudis, Dr Reshma Badal (Convocation Secretary) and Dr Mergen Reddy.

drew up South Africa's new constitution. She served as chairperson of the Parliamentary Women's Group as well as the ANC Women's Caucus, which initiated the Campaign to End Violence against Women and Children in partnership with civil society and contrib-

uted to the drafting of South Africa's new law against Domestic Violence.

Appointed Deputy Minister of Defence in 1999, Madlala-Routledge initiated the African Women's Peace Table, a forum that brought together women soldiers and peace activ-

ists to look at their understanding of peace and their role in peace-making. In 2004 she was appointed as Deputy Minister of Health. She is a political champion for the Ugu Municipality Integrated Sustainable Rural Development Programme.

PROFESSOR ANNA COUTSOUDIS

Professor Anna Coutsooudis was honoured with a special award for a graduate and employee of UKZN who has contributed significantly to the field of work engaged in at the University.

She has a Bachelor of Science (1974), Bachelor of Science Honours (1975), a Higher Diploma in Education (1976) and Doctorate of Philosophy in Medicine (1994) from the University.

In 1980 Coutsooudis left her teaching career as a biology teacher to become a full-time mother to her three children. When her third child started pre-school in 1988 she came to the Medical School to inquire about research in nutritional deficiencies. With a young family, Coutsooudis completed her PhD at the University of Natal in 1993. Her scientific studies have made a considerable impact on health throughout the world with respect

to her groundbreaking work in vitamin A and mother-to-child transmission of HIV through breastfeeding.

DR MERGEN REDDY

Dr Mergen Reddy received a special award for a young up-and-coming graduate who has displayed potential to excel in a particular field. In his case, this is without doubt the corporate world.

Described as having the stamina, intellect and raw passion to compete on a global scale and succeed, 26-year-old Reddy has distinguished himself in the business world amongst some of the brightest finance stars.

In 2005 Reddy became the first South African to be published in the eminent *Harvard Business Review*. He followed this up in September 2006 with another award winning article, entitled, "Cutting the cost of HIV". Given the enormous impact of HIV/AIDS, Reddy developed a finan-

cial tool and showed how a company could reduce and eventually trade away the cost of HIV/AIDS from their balance sheets. His work has made lifesaving drugs fully affordable to millions of AIDS sufferers. The senior editor of the journal called his work "the single most important business article to appear in 2006".

Born in Cool Air, Reddy went to school at Cool Air Secondary School, followed by a B.Sc. in Chemistry. Realising the world of business was his real calling, he went on to work for a number of blue-chip international management consulting firms.

DR JOHN CHARLES MANNING

Dr John Manning was the recipient of an award for his outstanding contribution to Education, Science and Industry. He achieved a Bachelor of Science (*cum laude*) in 1983, Bachelor of Science Honours (*cum laude*) in 1984 and Doctor of Philosophy in

Science in 1988 from the University.

Manning is a research scientist, and taxonomist at the Compton Herbarium at Kirstenbosch National Botanic Gardens in Cape Town, where he has worked since graduating.

Taxonomy is sometimes described as an unending synthesis as it requires a huge amount of data from a great many disciplines. Most taxonomists are able to call on experience from one or two disciplines, but Manning has experience in a vast range of subjects and has pioneered research in a number of disciplines, notably the biology of many important southern African pollination guilds. He has specialised in plant anatomy, morphology, seed biology, embryology, pollination biology, DNA techniques, entomology and photography. He is also an accomplished botanical artist. His strength as a scientist lies in the fact that he is able to examine evolutionary and taxonomic problems holistically, as he has such diverse expertise.

Where are they now?

If you can provide the updated contact details of the following alumni, please contact the Alumni Affairs Office

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| A'Bear, Michelle Marguerite (Miss), | BSocSc'91 | Nxele, Rose Xolisile (Miss), | BPharm'01 |
| Anghar, Niven (Mr), | BA(Fine Arts)'96, HDE-PG'97 | Orie, Rajesh Janak (Mr), | MBA'98 |
| Bajinath, Vikash (Mr), | BCom'97 | Parker, Carol Ruth (Miss), | BA'84, HDE-PG'85 |
| Britton, Lindsay Ann (Mrs), | BA'84, BA(Hon)'85 | Phili, Sylvester Sibusiso (Mr), | BProc'97 |
| Buthelezi, Evelyn Sibongile (Miss), | BEd'94 | Phipps, Gregory Allen (Mr), | BCom'94 |
| Cackett, Roy Leslie (Mr), | M Agric Mgt'86 | Pieterse, Aislinn Bernadette (Miss), | B Physio'00 |
| Cassim, Rubina Bibi (Miss), | BA'91, HDE-PG'92 | Pillay, Bavanethan (Mr), | BSc Eng(Chem)'90 |
| Cele, Ndabs Ndaba (Mr), | BProc'00 | Quayle, Anne Elizabeth (Mrs), | Llb'82 |
| Chapman, Mary Louise (Mrs), | BSc'72 | Qwabe, Lindiwe Emmaculate (Miss), | BA(SW)'00 |
| Culverwell, Walter Vernon (Mr), | BSc Eng(Mech)'86 | Raaff, Peter Russell (Mr), | BCom'79 |
| Cumming, John Andrew Brownlee (Mr), | BSc Eng(Agric)'85 | Rajagopaul, Kreasan (Dr), | MBChB'86 |
| Dasram, Yuvisthi (Miss), | BSc'02 | Roberts, Arthur Oswald (Mr), | BA'79 |
| Davis, Robert Jocelyn (Mr), | BSc Eng(Mech)'74 | Sagnelli, Rosamund (Mrs), | BSocSc'89 |
| De Freitas, Joaquin Augusto (Mr), | Llb'87 | Sedibe, Thana Michael (Mr), | BSc'02 |
| Dlamini, Mungisi Erasmus (Mr), | BCom'95 | Segwapa, Matshidiso Patricia (Miss), | BAcc'03 |
| Ernest, Tracy Sybil (Miss), | BSc'95, BSc Eng(Mech)'99 | Shaw, Craig Scott (Mr), | BSc Agric'94 |
| Evers, Philip (Mr), | MSc'91 | Tabane, Nomakhuwa Elizabeth (Dr), | MBChB'95 |
| Foxcroft, Gillian Anne (Miss), | B Physio'96 | Talbot-Evans, Gerald (Mr), | BSc Eng(Elec)'79 |
| Gcabashe, Sandile Wilmoth (Mr), | BA'00 | Thumbadoo, Beulah Dhevioum (Miss), | BA(Law)'85, PG Dip(IR)'89 |
| Glass, Noel Gilbert Woodward (Mr), | BA'69, PG Dip(Ed)'70 | Timothy, Chloe Desiree (Miss), | B Music'88, M Music'94 |
| Gounden, Dhesan (Mr), | BCom'02 | Tom, Mvuyo Ernest (Dr), | MBChB'81 |
| Gray, Jennifer Helen (Miss), | MBA'97 | Ullmann, Harald (Mr), | BSc Eng(Civil)'81 |
| Hanbury, Robert Antony (Mr), | BSc Eng(Civil)'81 | Valla, Suneel Shivilal (Dr), | MBChB'82 |
| Harichund, Vishal (Mr), | BSc Eng(Chem)'97 | Valvis, Marika Gabriella (Miss), | BA'79 |
| Hlela, Mlondolozzi Ruel (Mr), | BOptom'01 | Veerasamy, Hazel (Miss), | BPharm'00 |
| Itholeng, Letshego Leighton (Mr), | Llb'94 | Vilakazi, Zibuyile Ziyanda (Miss), | BCom'01 |
| Jadwat, Saaleha Ahmed (Dr), | MBChB'96 | Walker, Cindy Leigh (Miss), | BOptom'96 |
| Juggath, Ashti (Miss), | BPharm'96 | Wayise, Justice (Mr), | BA'99 |
| Kalawe, Nosindiso Nozibele (Mrs), | BSc'96 | Webster, Irwin (Mr), | BMed Sc'00 |
| Kresfelder, Barry (Mr), | BSocSc'78 | Winnick, Janette Ann (Miss), | BA'78 |
| Le Roux, Karen (Mrs), | HDE-PG'92 | Xulu, Tholakele Euphemia (Miss), | BPaed(Arts)'95 |
| Mabeer, Asha Maniraj (Miss), | BEd'00 | Yesmariam, Elaine (Miss), | BProc'97 |
| Modise, Lesego Mmamokwena (Miss), | BA'00 | Young, Carole Jean (Miss), | BCom'94 |
| Moodley, Kirshnee (Miss), | BSc Eng(Elec)'95 | Young, Keith Andrew (Mr), | BSc(Agric)'73 |
| Naidu, Bradley Lloyd (Mr), | BProc'95 | Zuma, Lindiwe Agnes (Miss), | BA(Law)'96 |

The Alumni Bursary Endowment Fund

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The University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) has a long history of generous support from its alumni. Some choose to leave bequests to the University as part of their wills. Others make general donations or provide support for specific projects or causes, such as the Archbishop Denis E. Hurley Educational Fund and the 50th Anniversary Endowment Fund, to name but two.

Generally, alumni invest in their *alma mater* because they are grateful to it and wish to contribute to its development and growth. They also recognise that a contribution to the University is a sure way of making a lasting contribution towards bettering the lives of others and advancing South African society.

Despite the largesse of some alumni, support from individuals in fact currently accounts for only 1% of donor income received by the University. In the United States, where there is a very well developed culture of alumni philanthropy, donations from individuals (largely alumni) to universities comprise approximately 80% of donor income.

Taking into account the 135 000 UKZN alumni who stretch across the length and breadth of the world, most of them with goodwill towards the University, the UKZN Foundation has taken a strategic decision to put in place a fund that will have broad-based appeal to all alumni, no matter their vintage or disciplinary backgrounds. Dubbed the Alumni Bursary Endowment Fund, its establishment is predicated on the fact that we have never really made it attractive or put in place mechanisms for large numbers of alumni to invest in the University and its students. It is hoped that this Fund will meet this shortcoming!

Proceeds from the Fund will be used to provide bursaries for students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Donors may dedicate their contributions to bursaries in the College of their choice (i.e. Agriculture, Engineering and Science; Law and Management Studies; Health Sciences; and Humanities), so permitting alumni to give something back to the particular discipline that has assisted their success, or indeed to another

academic domain in which they may subsequently become interested.

The Alumni Bursary Endowment Fund is a collaborative venture between the UKZN Foundation and the Alumni Affairs Office. It is anticipated that the endowment will be invested to yield income, which will then be used in the College of choice for disadvantaged, but talented, students who will be selected by a committee. As an introduction to this venture, a form is made available on the opposite page, which provides you with details of how to assist needy students in the College of your choice. It is anticipated that large numbers of graduates, especially those living abroad, will take advantage of this opportunity and that the fruits of this endeavour will provide a lifeline to talented students for many years to come!

Should you prefer to make a donation to another cause within the University, or perhaps wish to consider leaving a bequest, kindly make contact with the UKZN Foundation by one of the means provided on the form.

ALUMNI BURSARY ENDOWMENT FUND

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name: Date of Birth: (d) / (m) / (yr)
Postal Address:
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I would like my support to be provided to the College of: (please tick)

Agriculture, Engineering and Science ☐ Health Sciences ☐ Humanities ☐ Law and Management Studies ☐

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Kindly fax the deposit records as proof of payment to: +27 (0)31 260 2536, marked For attention: Alumni Bursary Endowment Fund

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Vision, Mission, Goals and Core Values for the University of KwaZulu-Natal

VISION

To be the Premier University of African scholarship.

MISSION

A truly South African university that is academically excellent, innovative in research, critically engaged with society and demographically representative, redressing the disadvantages, inequities and imbalances of the past.

PRINCIPLES AND CORE VALUES

The University commits itself to the principles and values enshrined in the constitution of the Republic of South Africa and articulated in the preamble to the Higher Education Act of 1997 (as amended).

GOALS

The goals of the University are to:

- Promote access to learning

that will expand educational and employment opportunities for the historically disadvantaged, and support social transformation and redress.

- Create and develop an enabling environment for all learners and scholars to pursue their studies in accordance with the principles of academic freedom.

- Advance knowledge and culture through globally competitive teaching, learning, scholarship and research, innovation and scientific investigation.

- Foster a capacity for independent critical thinking, free engagement in fundamental discovery and a reappraisal and extension of traditional views of the world amongst students and staff.

- Support and contribute, across the academic enterprise, to national and regional development, and the welfare and upliftment of the

wider community.

- Provide holistic education which promotes an awareness of social responsibility and sound ethical practice in a diverse society.

- Promote and foster tolerance and respect for multilingualism, diverse cultures and social values.

- Promote excellence in teaching and learning through creative and innovative curriculum design and development, pedagogical strategies and assessment practices in accordance with sound quality assurance principles.

- Strengthen the institution through local and international collaboration, exchanges and partnerships with the private sector and higher education institutions in teaching, research and development enterprises.

- Conserve the physical environment and foster a culture of

responsible, ethical and sustainable use of natural resources.

- Increase opportunities for lifelong learning in response to the educational, social, political, scientific and economic challenges of our time.

- Equip graduates to serve as future leaders of the nation.

- Ensure effective governance through democratic representation, accountability and transparency.

- Promote the social and personal wellbeing of staff and students and foster the realisation of their full human potential.

The University views this vision and mission statement as a reflection of its core values and commitments. In carrying out its various activities, the University seeks to contribute to the building of a just South African society.

