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SUCCESS SUITS HIM ... Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University BCom Honours (Accounting) graduate Daniel Alfond – who wrote all his university tests and exams dressed in a formal suit – was placed ninth countrywide in the first of two professional examinations required for qualification as a Chartered Accountant. Fellow graduate Suzaan van den Berg (left) was placed joint seventh overall.

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NMMU's CA graduates achieve SA's highest pass rate

STUDENTS from NMMU achieved the highest pass rate countrywide in the first of two professional examinations required for qualification as Chartered Accountants (SA) – with two honours graduates placed in the top 10 nationally.

An impressive 97% of the Class of 2014 BCom Honours (Accounting) graduates passed the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants' (SAICA's) Initial Test of Competency (ITC) examination, written in 2015, on their first attempt – considerably higher than the national pass rate of 82% for first time attempts. The entire honours class of Thuthuka Bursary students passed.

“It's a great feeling when hard work pays off. I'm also very excited to be representing NMMU as I feel we have an excellent Accounting Programme

... All the lecturers in the Accounting Programme are CA's themselves – they know what it takes to be successful,” said Suzaan van den Berg, who was placed joint seventh in South Africa. She is completing her articles at Deloitte in Cape Town.

Placed ninth in South Africa was Daniel Alfond, who, after failing a test in his second year, took to writing all his university examinations in a formal suit to remind himself just how serious his studies were. He described his achievement as “unreal”.

“All I can say is that it's a blessing from God ... I feel I have a good idea of what my strengths and weaknesses are, so that helped me because I knew what I had to focus on and I knew when to ask for help.” He is completing his articles at KPMG in Port Elizabeth.

School of Accounting director Prof Frans Prinsloo said these latest results were arguably the best NMMU – and its predecessor, the University of Port Elizabeth – had ever achieved in the first part of SAICA's Qualifying Examinations. “These results confirm the high quality of the programme offered by NMMU to educate students wishing to become Chartered Accountants (SA).

“They also represent the culmination of a strategic repositioning of NMMU's Chartered Accountancy programme. There is now an increased focus on the mentoring of students to become the best that they can be, which we believe differentiates NMMU from other accountancy programmes around the country; and our unique PinnAcle Leadership Programme equips our top performing students with the skills to become future leaders of the business world.”

The year in review

OUR annual newsletter provides stakeholders of NMMU's School of Accounting with an overview of the important events of the School, and the achievements of its staff and students during the past academic year. This marks the seventh edition of the newsletter and I believe that it clearly documents that 2015 was a very good year for the School of Accounting – building on the successes of the past.

The end of 2015 saw the conclusion of an era in the life of the School with the retirement of Prof Niekie Dorfling, Executive Dean of the Faculty of Business and Economic Sciences (of which our School forms part), and Mrs Beryl Prinsloo, Head of Department: Accounting Sciences (one of the two departments in the School). Moreover, Prof Pieter Pelle, who has been Head of Department: Applied Accounting since 2005, will step down from this role – given his pending retirement in 2016. I would like to use this forum to pay tribute to the work done by the HODs, under the leadership of our Executive Dean.

Since the establishment of NMMU in 2005, there have been many notable achievements – reaffirming our School as one of the leading providers of accounting education in South Africa. These include:

- The development of a strong programme mix, responsive to the needs of our students and the market place. This has involved, among others, introducing a Higher Certificate: Accountancy for students who do not have degree or diploma access; a streamlined Diploma: Accountancy programme; and new Postgraduate Diplomas in Internal Auditing and Accountancy. We have also made significant progress with the development

of a new Advanced Diploma: Accountancy to replace our BTech programme offerings. We now have a comprehensive array of degree and diploma programmes, offering unique articulation pathways to our students.

- We established or strengthened our links with a wide range of professional bodies, including the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA), the South African Institute of Professional Accountants (SAIPA), the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), and the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA). What this means for our students is that these professional bodies regard our programmes as being of high quality, and completion of our programmes will put students on a path towards membership of one or more of these highly regarded professional bodies. Particularly noteworthy is our flagship Chartered Accountancy programme – which has not only been awarded the best available accreditation rating by SAICA, but our graduates have also obtained excellent pass rates in SAICA's professional examinations. For example, in the January 2015 Part 1 examination of SAICA, 97% of our 2014 BCom Hons (Accounting) graduates passed, and two were placed among the top 10 nationally.

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- We have a strong teaching and learning model which offers our students, including those who struggle, the best possible opportunity to be successful in their studies. However, in recent years



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we have also invested much time in developing interventions to support our academically achieving students. For example, in the Department of Accounting Sciences, the top 20 students of each year of study are invited to be part of the unique and groundbreaking “PinnAcle Leadership Programme” – which aims not only to further enhance participants' academic performance, but also ensure their holistic development as “leaders of tomorrow”. Since 2015, top students from the Department of Applied Accounting have also been involved in developmental interventions to maximise their potential.

- Over the last 10 years, our School has significantly strengthened its engagement with: feeder schools (offering a wide range of activities, including Accounting Career Evenings and Accounting Winter Schools), the local accounting and auditing professional services firms (who partner with us in numerous projects) and other funders (e.g. Investec CSI, Milde McWilliams Trust, and Nedbank Business Banking).

Some of the above achievements are documented in more detail in this newsletter. However, without the vision, leadership, hard work and commitment of Prof Niekie Dorfling, Prof Pieter Pelle and Mrs Beryl Prinsloo, many of these achievements would not have materialised. For this, I wish to express my sincere appreciation, and wish them well in their new endeavours. I trust that you, as an important stakeholder of the School of Accounting, will enjoy reading this newsletter.



Farewell, Prof Dorfling

PROF Niekie Dorfling, who served as Executive Dean of the Faculty: Business and Economic Sciences, retired at the end of December 2015.

This followed 41 years of service to NMMU (and to the former PE Technikon), with more than 20 serving as Dean (Prof Dorfling took up deanship at the former PE Technikon in 1991, and assumed his current role at NMMU in 2005).

“The strategic vision and leadership of the Executive Dean plays an important part in the success of each of the five Schools in the Faculty, which includes the School of Accounting,” said

School of Accounting Director Prof Frans Prinsloo. “There is no doubt that this School has moved forward significantly as a leading provider of professional accounting education in the last decade – thanks in no small part to the efforts of Prof Dorfling. He inspired and supported the School to ever greater accomplishments – recognising the importance of its professional education focus.

“On behalf of all of the staff and students of the School of Accounting, we wish to thank Prof Dorfling, and wish him well in his retirement. His insights, drawn from a wealth of experience, hard work and dedication, will be missed.”

Steamrolling his way to business success

NATHAN Hofart likes to be ahead in his game: Just a year after graduating with his BCom Honours (Accounting) degree from NMMU in 2014, he completed the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) Professional qualification.

His resulting designation as a Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA) through CIMA – the leading global professional body for management accountants – will kick in after he gains the required practical experience. The CGMA professional qualification is essentially an internationally-recognised specialisation in strategic leadership and management skills pertaining to the accounting industry.

Hofart wrote five CIMA exams in 2014, while completing the first of three years of

articles. And while balancing work and CIMA studies, he also managed to successfully pass the first of two board exams required to be a Chartered Accountant in South Africa [CA(SA)], as prescribed by the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA). He passed his sixth and final CIMA exam – the Strategic Level Case Study exam – in 2015.

“Nathan is the first person I know of who, before finishing his SAICA articles, has already completed his CIMA qualification,” said Johnathan Dillon, Division Head of Management Accounting and Finance at NMMU’s School of Accounting.

“He is not a full CIMA member yet because he does not yet have full work experience, but he has finished the entire CIMA qualification. This is a fantastic achievement and what he has done is game-changing – to add in very important skills that successful leaders in business require, but



FAST TRACK TO SUCCESS ... NMMU’s Johnathan Dillon (right) congratulates graduate Nathan Hofart on passing all the exams needed to become a Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA) in record time.

usually only learn through trial and error in practice.” Hofart said the CIMA studies had helped him to “think more broadly”, adding that “being able to think strategically can be taught.”

Loving accounting in song

THE School of Accounting’s much-anticipated second annual “Idols” competition took place in September, smoothly hosted by Accounting students Siphumle Ntsokolo and Robert Abraham. The high quality show – which saw family members and friends turning up in their droves to support their Idols hopefuls – saw competitors penning catchy accounting-themed lyrics, which they performed against familiar backing tracks.

The AA Fam – the group that won the competition – blew the audience away with their rendition of OT Genesis’s I’m in love with the coco – and suddenly everyone was “in love with accounting”. Another outstanding performer was Missionvale Campus student, Siba Tsomo, who covered Bob Marley’s Redemption Song with the revamped chorus: “Won’t you help me sing, my accounting song”. The new lyrics, a fusion of humour and accounting jargon, sung in deep velvet tones, won over many new fans.

The event – based on the traditional “Idols” show – was initiated to encourage accounting students, and allow them to explore other elements of creativity.

Judges included Xolela Sohuma, of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), which sponsored the show, Lee Duru, Marketing Coordinator of NMMU’s Business School, and School of Accounting lecturer Gavin Hustler.

The AA Fam received the top prize of R5000. There were other cash prizes for Original Lyrics, Live Performance, and a Special Category.



NMMU IDOLS ... Competition winners, the AA Fam, (from left) Accounting students Sinxolo Ndadana; Sinelizwi Zondani and Nhlalala Nkuzana, with their own version of OT Genesis’s CoCo, tell the audience why they love accounting.



AN ENGAGED SCHOOL ... NMMU’s School of Accounting won the NMMU Engagement Excellence Project Award for 2015. Receiving the award are School staff (from left) Prof Frans Prinsloo, Elize Naude, Ansulene Prinsloo, Tracy Beck and Prof Amanda Singleton. The University’s engagement awards are considered an important mechanism to achieve the institution’s engagement vision, strategic goals and objectives and to give recognition and reward for excellence in the performance of this core function.

Launch of pioneering leadership programme

A THOUGHT-PROVOKING talk on how the accounting profession can collaborate with others to address global problems, like energy and water shortages and even poverty, kicked off a groundbreaking programme for future business leaders in April 2015.

The leadership programme was as vital to my development as the academic support I received

The PinnAcle Leadership Programme was launched by NMMU to mentor top students and groom their leadership abilities – and in the process enhance their academic achievement, both in the university context and in national examinations.

The keynote talk was delivered by Prof Maarten de Wit, who heads up the Africa Earth Observatory Network-Earth Stewardship Science Research Institute (AEON-ESSRI), based at NMMU.

The programme, which was first conceptualised five years ago and tried out in various forms, has evolved to the point where it now includes the top 20 students in each year of NMMU's BCom programme, reaching a total of 80 students altogether.

"This programme is unique in South Africa," said School of Accounting director Prof Frans Prinsloo. "The launch of PinnAcle recognises the coming of age of an innovative programme aimed at producing future leaders from among accounting students."

Honours student Bongeka Mbonisweni, who graduated *cum laude* with her BCom (Accounting) degree, said: "The leadership programme was as vital to my development as the academic support I received... [It] fosters academic excellence, develops leadership skills and creates social awareness."



GROWING LEADERS ... Attending the launch of NMMU's PinnAcle Leadership Programme were (from left) BCom (Accounting) third-year student Donovan de Bruin, PinnAcle lead coordinator Elize Naude, keynote speaker Prof Maarten de Wit, and BCom (Accounting) second-year student Taryn Balie. Picture: Jessica Harvey

VC's climb inspires students



ENTREPRENEURS IN THE MAKING ... Students in NMMU's PinnAcle Leadership Programme raised nearly R20,000 through a "R10 for 10 days" challenge, to support Vice-Chancellor Prof Derrick Swartz's fundraising climb up Mount Fuji in August 2015.

HIS fundraising climb up Mount Fuji in August 2015 would go beyond a personal mission for NMMU Vice-Chancellor Prof Derrick Swartz – as dozens of students followed his lead.

As Swartz trekked up Japan's highest peak – his #climb4nmmu quest raising just over R1-million for financially needy students – a group of top-achieving NMMU students set about growing a mountain of money for the same cause through a "R10 for 10 days" challenge.

Among the more creative profit-making efforts was a "Mind for Change" project, set up by student Natalya Apopo. She invited fellow students to attend group-based learning sessions, where she guided them through self-imposed limitations, preventing them from reaching their

full potential. She charged participants R10 for the first session (the rest were free), making R650 overall.

The most profitable project was spearheaded by students Andrea Oelofse and Monet Swanepoel, who raised R3,120 through raffles for meat prizes. Nearly all of the students involved in the fundraising drive came from NMMU's PinnAcle Leadership Programme for top-achieving Accounting students.

The project dared our students to step outside their comfort zones and ... ask for support, even though they did not directly benefit from the fruits of their labours
- Elize Naude

Investec talk



THE 80 top-achieving Accounting students in NMMU's PinnAcle Leadership Programme – which is geared towards producing high-calibre, well-rounded business leaders – attended a talk on banking career opportunities for accounting graduates by Investec's Paolo Giuricich.

Many of the students (who are the top 20 students in each year of the Chartered Accountancy programme) are recipients of the university's prestigious Vice Chancellor's Scholarships, awarded to top achieving matrics for the duration of their studies.

Giuricich, who focuses on Investec's global projects, informed the students about potential internship and work opportunities in Investec, throughout South Africa and at Investec's offices in London, Sydney, Zurich and Hong Kong. "We like to get people in and start their career on day one of training."

Commenting on PinnAcle, School of Accounting director Prof Frans Prinsloo said: "We continue to innovate to ensure our reputation for educating well-rounded professionals for the world of business is further enhanced."

Panellists preach power of perseverance

At first glance, Hilton Sansom is your stereotypical “privileged student”. The well-spoken 22-year-old attended Grey High, matriculated with a 93% aggregate, and received one of NMMU’s most prestigious bursaries – the Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarship, currently worth R80,000-plus annually – for each year of his BCom (Chartered Accountancy) degree.

But what most people don’t realise is just how hard he worked to get there. Growing up as the only child of a single, unemployed mother, he has – since the age of nine – relied on bursaries for his education.

Academic excellence became his ticket to success – and he grew up defining himself in terms of the marks he achieved, so much so that when his results dipped in a very challenging third year and again during his Honours year in 2015, he sunk into depression. “I started to lose my identity when I stopped getting good marks.”

Sansom was one of three panellists sharing their “struggle to success” stories at the October 2015 end-of-year function for the PinnAcle Leadership Programme.

The other two panellists were Lunga Tshikila, 24, an orphan who dropped out of university in 2012 but has gone on to become one of South Africa’s top young CEOs, and Gugu Nxiweni, 35, a Chartered Accountant, NMMU alumnus and social entrepreneur who recently co-founded his own company.

Tshikila defied great odds to achieve what he has: being CEO of Tshikila Holdings, a private equity and venture capital firm in Sandton, Johannesburg.

Sansom’s slump, meanwhile, was the start of his finding direction in life. “I needed to find out what my strengths were as a human being and not as a student.” He has identified a passion for the fashion industry – and is planning to apply his business knowledge to build a career in this field.

In his talk, Nxiweni, the Executive Chairman and Co-Founder of Improvate Group of Companies, said: “For me, the greatest life struggle is the struggle to be the best version of yourself.”



INSPIRATION FOR STUDENTS ... “From struggle to success” was the theme tackled by panellists (from left) Gugu Nxiweni, Lunga Tshikila and (right) Hilton Sansom, at the end-of-year breakfast for NMMU’s PinnAcle Leadership Programme, where student Bongeka Mbonisweni was also awarded the PinnAcle Leadership Development Trophy.



TEAM NMMU/LUKHANYISO ... Children from Lukhanyiso Children’s Home (in turquoise tracksuit pants) teamed up with students from Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University’s PinnAcle Leadership Programme, to run the fifth of 10 Parkruns. The students were competing to celebrate NMMU’s 10th anniversary in 2015. Each run was in aid of a different cause, including saying “no” to xenophobia, Vice-Chancellor Prof Derrick Swartz’s Mount Fuji fundraising climb, and this one in support of Lukhanyiso, which gave the children an opportunity to experience some outdoor fun. Over the past few years, PinnAcle has been supporting the KwaNobuhle children’s home through various fundraising and relationship-building activities, as a means of teaching students the value of “Ubuntu”. After the run, the group participated in a beach clean-up and then visited the penguin sanctuary at the South African Marine Rehabilitation and Education Centre (Samrec). The PinnAcle students’ previous visit to Lukhanyiso saw them donating stationery and playing educational games with the young residents. PinnAcle includes 80 of the University’s top accounting students. Picture: Joubert Loots



BAY TV INTERVIEW ... PinnAcle Leadership Programme coordinator Elize Naude (right), together with Lukhanyiso Children’s Home’s Misiwe Ngqondela (third from left) and third-year VC’s Scholars in the PinnAcle Programme sat down with Bay TV personality Mikaela Oosthuizen (fourth from left), who is also a first year VC’s Scholar at NMMU, to discuss PinnAcle’s Lukhanyiso projects, which includes their “shoes for souls” initiatives, their visits to the Children’s Home, and the handing over of a washing machine and gifts to the children. The show was broadcast on “The Today Show – In The Spotlight” on Bay TV early in 2015.

Learners flock to Grade 11 & 12 winter schools

IT was not all hard work and no play for 350 learners attending Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University's annual Grade 12 Accounting Winter School in July 2015: The learners also got to celebrate the University's 10th birthday with a super-sized chocolate cake.

It was the third year the university has run the Deloitte-sponsored Accounting Winter School, which is geared towards helping matrics improve their Accounting knowledge and skills, in order to boost their end-of-year marks – and hence their chances of attending university and qualifying for bursaries.

Also in its third year was the Grade 11 Accounting Winter School – sponsored by PwC and attended by nearly 400 learners – which took place a few days after the Grade 12 Winter School.

"The Grade 11 Accounting Winter School is about much more than academic work," said NMMU Accounting 1 Senior Lecturer and Grade 11 and 12 Winter School Programme Coordinator, Ansulene Prinsloo. "Yes, we want the learners to improve

their marks, which will help them when they apply to university or for bursaries. But we also want to teach them the life skills they will need to be successful."

That is why the Grade 11 Winter School, themed "Your future in focus", was peppered with motivational talks by staff from PwC along with NMMU Accounting students, who are excelling among their peers.

Prinsloo said the main aim of the Grade 12 Accounting Winter School Programme was to help learners obtain higher Admission Points Scores (APS) – their ticket to higher education.

She said an analysis which involved comparing the June and December matric marks of pupils from last year's Grade 12 Accounting Winter School, who had successfully registered for degrees or diplomas at NMMU, showed that more than half had improved, some by as much as 30 percentage points.

The Grade 12 Accounting Winter School covered the entire matric curriculum, while the Grade 11 Accounting Winter School covered the four main topics of the Grade 11 Accounting curriculum.

Commenting on the Grade 12 Winter School, Deloitte partner (Port Elizabeth office) Stuart Wedderburn said: "The Grade 12 Winter School Programme helps kids to dream about going

to varsity. It motivates them and gives them something to aim at."

"We try to incorporate the fun element – our celebration of NMMU's 10th birthday was part of that," said NMMU's School of Accounting Director Prof Frans Prinsloo.

Over a third of the 520 learners who attended 2014's Grade 12 winter school are now students at NMMU.



KING-SIZED CAKE ... Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University School of Accounting Director Prof Frans Prinsloo (middle) – surrounded by staff (including NMMU Accounting Lecturer and Winter School Programme Coordinator Ansulene Prinsloo, to the left of him), student-tutors, sponsors and 350 learners attending the Grade 12 Accounting Winter School – cuts a giant cake to celebrate NMMU's 10th birthday.



FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT ... Attending Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University's Grade 11 Accounting Winter School, themed "Your future in focus", were (from left) Bethelsdorp High's Ra-eesah Norkie and Kayla Slabbert, both 16, with NMMU Accounting 1 Senior Lecturer and Winter School Programme Coordinator, Ansulene Prinsloo.

Olympiad winner's business vision

GROWING up in Motherwell, Sinethemba Fesi, 17, is well aware of unemployment and crime – and the growing number of young people "who end up in jail".

The teenager has a vision to uplift those in his neighbourhood and elsewhere in the country – by becoming a leading businessman. And he is busy equipping himself with the tools to get there.

He believes his first step, once he matriculates, is to study and qualify as a Chartered Accountant, and then use this business knowledge to turn his passion for civil engineering into one of South Africa's biggest and most successful companies.

The driven Ethembeni Enrichment Centre learner is already proving his mettle. In October 2015, he was one of two first-placed learners (in two separate pools) in a Grade 11 Accounting Olympiad run by NMMU.

"I believe in working hard – and that where you come from doesn't determine where you're going to go," said Fesi.

About 280 learners completed the first round of the Olympiad and a third of those were selected for the second and final round. At the prize-giving, NMMU School of Accounting Director Prof Frans Prinsloo

commended the learners for participating in the Olympiad. "To be successful in life often requires going beyond the norm ... [Your participation] tells prospective employers and bursars that you are willing to go the extra mile and better yourself in a particular area."



ACCOUNTING ACES ... The top learners in NMMU's Grade 11 Accounting Olympiad were (from left) Clarendon High School's Moya Eybers, 16 (joint first), Queenstown Girls High's Dhrishya Thomas, 17 (joint second), Douglas Mbopa High's Thembalakhe Beja, 16 (joint second), and Ethembeni Enrichment Centre's Sinethemba Fesi, 17 (joint first).



BRAINSTORMING ... Grade 11 learners (from left) Cowan High's Glory Beni, 16, Bertram High's Caitlyn Bignaut, 16, KwaZakhele High's Asiphe Makasi, 16 (standing), Molly Blackburn High's Sihle Ntshiza, 17, and Cingani High's Siyamthanda Maneli, 16, work on a group task during a Chartered Accountancy work shadow programme run by PwC and NMMU's School of Accounting, with sessions by the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA). The intensive two-day work shadow programme was attended by 15 Grade 11 learners from seven historically-disadvantaged schools across the Bay.

INTACC launched

2015 saw the launch of the new Internal Auditing and Accounting (INTACC) Society, along with a fresh new logo.

The society previously ran as the Dynamic Internal Auditing Society (DIAS), during which time it catered mainly for Internal Auditing students.

INTACC has 155 members. Its activities are overseen by Accounting lecturers Tracy Beck and Lizel Bester, who are guardians of the society.

INTACC works closely with NMMU alumnus Ross Johnston from Rehab, who donated an amount towards the society, and also gives INTACC members a special discount on textbooks purchased from Rehab.

INTACC held a number of events over 2015, including its opening function, where Benjamin Hegeni from the South African Institute of

Professional Accountants (SAIPA), and other high profile speakers addressed students.

It has hosted two lunch hour discussions. The first talk was presented by PKF partner Ian Whittal, and attended by more than 100 students. The second was presented by SAIPA representative Yolisa Mpupa.

It also ran a CV and interview workshop, presented by Ronelle Plaatjies, from NMMU's Centre for Teaching, Learning and Media (CTLM); and spearheaded a winter drive to collect blankets, food, toiletries and warm clothing. INTACC's future plans include a visit to a Summerstrand old age home.

DISCOUNTS FOR INTACC ... The INTACC committee thanks Rehab's Ross Johnston for the textbook discounts he offers to INTACC members.



NMMU a key player in SAAA conference



NETWORKING ... Attending the South African Accounting Association (SAAA) biennial conference were NMMU School of Accounting staff (front, from left) Faith Nazer, Sune Diedericks, Catherine Fourie, Prof Houdini Fourie and Alex Shonhiwa and (back, from left) Bukiwe Peter, Janine Christian, Shareen van der Watt, Suzette Snyders and Melissa de Lange. Picture courtesy of SAAA.

A NUMBER of School of Accounting staff members presented or co-presented papers at the South African Accounting Association (SAAA) biennial conference, which took place in June/July 2015 in East London.

Among them were Prof Houdini Fourie, coordinator of NMMU's Internal Auditing Programmes, who together with Prof Philna Coetzee from UNISA, presented "Stakeholders' perceptions on the association between ERM structures and internal auditing's contribution towards risk mitigation".

Fourie, with NMMU Accounting lecturers Jaco Barnard, Lizel Bester and Janine Christian, also presented "Achievement of institutional success rate targets: the Diploma in Accountancy learning programme at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University".

Christian, together with Mari van Wyk of TUT, also presented "Can blended learning tools contribute to improving undergraduate accountancy student success?".

NMMU's Division Head of Management Accounting and Finance, Johnathan Dillon (who won overall best paper), together with Prof Carlos Correia of UCT, presented "A refined constructive operating lease capitalisation model considering new proposed lease accounting rules".

Dillon, Bester, Fourie and Accounting lecturer Tracy Beck formed part of the reviewing panel for conference papers.

During the regional meetings held at the conference, Fourie and Bester were nominated and elected as Chairperson and Secretary/Treasurer of the Eastern Cape Region respectively.

NMMU/KPMG win tender

EARLY in 2015, Prof Houdini Fourie, coordinator of NMMU's Internal Auditing Programmes, was invited by the Accountant General to participate in a tender for the development of four procedure manuals (namely: The Auditing of Performance Information, Performance Auditing, The Auditing of Annual Financial Statements, and ICT Auditing) for internal auditors in the South African public sector. Fourie combined resources with KPMG – and the NMMU/KPMG consortium won the tender, and signed a contract with National Treasury, to the value of more than R2 million.

Preparing students for work

ACCOUNTING lecturer Tracy Beck spearheaded a five-day work readiness programme for Applied Accounting students in July 2015. To prepare for this, she visited several accounting firms in Port Elizabeth [Landman van Rensburg Accountants, PFG and Associates, and PKF (PE) Inc. Chartered Accountants and Business Advisors] to understand what was needed or lacking from students when entering the working world. These firms believed that students were not prepared for the working environment and that it took them an additional three months to prepare newly-appointed trainee accounting clerks for their new roles. In the five-day workshop, students participated in a broad range of practical activities (hard and soft skills) to prepare them for the work environment.

Giving back "67 hours"

IN 2015, the Department of Applied Accounting made sure they ploughed many hours back into the community, by signing up as participants in the "67 hours" project run by Kim Elliot, Senior Manager: Leadership Training and Development, who is also responsible for Beyond the Classroom. The "67 hour" project provides students with the opportunity to gain leadership skills, promotes external community involvement and encourages students to be compassionate and care for each other. The department has 25 students participating in this project, many of them volunteering at schools, churches and in feeding initiatives.

2015 BRIEFS

School of Accounting



FOOD FOR THOUGHT ... Attending a talk by Allan Gray's Michael Summerton (third from left) were staff members (from left) Joné Pienaar, Melissa de Lange, Kevin Freeman, Johnathan Dillon and Academic Trainee Ayran Oosthuizen.



THE AMBASSADOR ... Ryno Burger was selected as the new brand ambassador for the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA).



EDUCATIONAL ... Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) Education Manager Caretha Laubscher (left) hands out a lucky draw prize to a student who attended her talk.



WHO IS THE WEAKEST LINK? ... In March 2015, the Faculty of Business and Economics Studies held its Annual Weakest Link Challenge. The Department of Applied Accounting Sciences was represented by lecturers Tracy Beck (right) and Deroul Chauke (left), with two students from the department.



EMBRACING CHANGE ... Deloitte partner (Johannesburg) Willem van der Post gave an inspiring lunch hour talk about the role of the CA in a changing business world.



SHARED JOURNEY ... The 2015 Accounting Honours class is photographed with the staff of the School of Accounting.



CELEBRATE ... NMMU's 10 year festivities were also celebrated at the George Accounting Winter School.



KEEP IT CASUAL ... Casual day keeps it colourful in the School of Accounting.



BELLES OF THE BALL ... Looking radiant at the NMMU Accounting Honours Ball – which had a 1920s theme – were (from left) Brenda Ulay, Suzette Villas, Lona Thomas & Rae Azem.



IN THE PICTURE ... Matric learners attending the Grade 12 Accounting Winter School were treated to a party (with a giant cake) to celebrate NMMU's 10th birthday.



A CLOSE SHAVE ... Ross Makowem was crowned "Mr Gillette" at the NMMU Accounting Honours Ball.



HEARTS AFLUTTER ... School of Accounting staff celebrate Valentine's Day.



TIGHT COMPETITION ... Accounting lecturer Janine Christian (third from left) congratulates some of the winners in last year's Ernst and Young (EY) sponsored Project Alpha competition, (from left) Majanki Mahalafele, Natalya Apopo and Duane Rensburg.



STUDY THIS ... Second year Accounting student Tonielle Prince was pointing learners in the right direction at NMMU's Open Day.



HELPING OTHERS ... Lukhanyiso Children's Home received a brand new washing machine, thanks to the fundraising efforts of Accounting students in the Pinnacle Leadership Programme.



TOP AUDITOR ... Kimi Makwetu, the Auditor General of South Africa, delivered a guest lecture to Accounting students at NMMU.



CELEBRATION ... Students and staff enjoy the Pinnacle Leadership Programme end of year breakfast.



GO, BOKKE! ... School of Accounting staff show their support for South Africa during the Rugby World Cup.

Congratulations!



RUNNING MAN ... Johnathan Dillon (left and below), Division Head of Management Accounting & Finance, completed the Two Oceans Marathon and formed part of Team Barlon in the 2015 Corporate Iron Man, coming 49th out of 470 teams with a time of just over an hour.



TOP TEACHER ... Accounting lecturer Tracy Beck (above, left) receives her NMMU Teacher of the Year award from DVC: Teaching and Learning Professor Denise Zinn.

Two School of Accounting staff members welcomed new additions to their families: Congratulations to Johnathan Dillon (on his son, Nathan) and Richard Loyson, Senior lecturer: Accounting Sciences (on twins Luke and Daniel).



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STAFF MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN PROMOTED:

- **Johnathan Dillon**
– From Senior Lecturer to Associate Professor
- **Janine Christian**
– From Lecturer to Senior Lecturer
- **Tracy Beck**
– From Lecturer to Senior Lecturer
- **Lizel Bester**
– From Lecturer to Senior Lecturer

Retirees:

We bid farewell to retirees (from left) Beryl Prinsloo, Terrence Leo and Neil Houzet.



Farewell: We say farewell and best of luck to:



Suzzette Villas
– Accounting 1 & 2
Admin Assistant



Elize Naude
– PinnAcle Leadership
Programme Coordinator



Monique Sass – Auditing,
Taxation & Financial
Accounting Lecturer



Shareen Van der
Watt – Thuthuka
Coordinator

STAFF NEWS

Welcome to the team!

The School of Accounting extended a warm welcome to many new staff members in 2015.

They included:

1. Felancia du Preez (Thuthuka)
2. Lona Thomas (Marketing & Engagement)
3. Clayton Kensley (Marketing & Engagement)
4. Sharne Martin (Administration – South Campus)
5. Yolanda Belani (Administration – South Campus)
6. Lindiwe Mangisa (Lecturer - 2nd Avenue Campus)
7. Sven Wusthoff (Head of Department: Accounting Sciences)



Rural KZN achiever aims to help others succeed



AIMING HIGH ... Bongeka Mbonisweni, who graduated in 2015 with her BCom degree (*cum laude*), gets a lift from her classmates and fellow graduates. They formed part of the biggest contingent of Vice-Chancellor's Scholars yet to graduate from NMMU.

GROWING up in Ibisi township, Umzimkhulu in rural KwaZulu-Natal, where schools are poor and under-resourced, Bongeka Mbonisweni, 21, could quite easily have fallen through this country's education cracks.

However, her grandfather, a retired school teacher, insisted she attend the better pre- and primary schools in nearby Harding, even though it required an hour's round trip by local transport every day. "My grandfather wanted to invest in my education." For high school, she worked hard as a boarder at Kokstad College.

This solid foundation would stand her in good stead: her top school results saw her sailing into university – a rare achievement in Ibisi – with the vast financial needs of her BCom (Chartered Accounting) degree covered by several bursaries.

Besides being a recipient of the university's prestigious Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship, Mbonisweni was accepted for the Thuthuka programme, and also sponsored by Investec. In April 2015, she obtained

her BCom degree *cum laude*. She completed her Honours degree in 2015. Her vision is to plough back into her community, and ensure that other children in rural areas get the same opportunities she did.

Mbonisweni was one of 15 Vice-Chancellor's Scholars to graduate in 2015 – the largest cohort yet to graduate – with nine coming from the School of Accounting.

She said her under-grad years were filled with opportunities for growth, including having to cope with the pressure of meeting the high academic standards needed to retain her various scholarships.

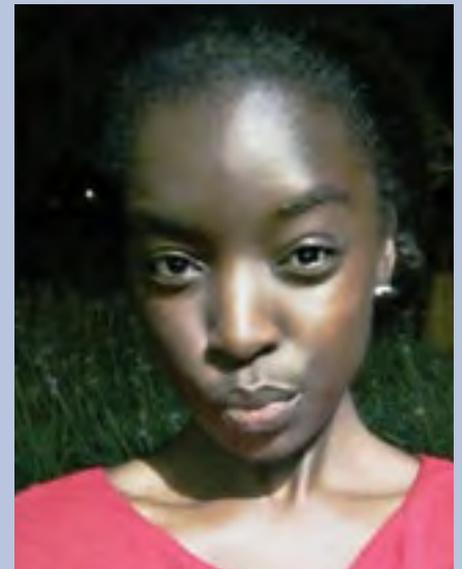
"However, that being said, the unwavering support that I have received from all three bursary programmes – particularly the VC's Scholarship Mentoring and Leadership Development Programme (now called PinnAcle Leadership Programme) – has propelled me to achieve academic excellence and develop myself beyond the classroom."

Star teachers

CELEBRATING TEACHERS ... NMMU's School of Accounting chose to support and promote World Teachers' Day on October 5 by saying "thank you" to these often unsung heroes, by running a competition in conjunction with Algoa FM for all teachers in the Eastern Cape. School of Accounting Director Prof Frans Prinsloo (right) congratulates the winners – Rowan and Luzette Botha – who won an overnight stay at the Boardwalk Hotel, with all meals included and a luxurious spa treatment. The School of Accounting acknowledges that without dedicated teachers, who equip learners with core knowledge and skills, the School's ability to develop future professional accountants would be severely compromised.



Student summit



SAICA SUMMIT ... Second-year BCom Accounting student Dorothy Aboagye and fourth-year BCom RAT student Jayme Weiss were selected to be part of a group of 30 students to attend the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA) Student Leadership Summit 2015 held in Johannesburg in 2015. SAICA annually invites CA(SA) stream students at SAICA-accredited universities to participate in an essay competition. The best thought-leadership essays are selected through a thorough assessment process and these students are invited to attend the Student Leadership Summit (SLS). This year, 356 essays were submitted for judging.

A taste of SA business for German students

IN mid-2015, a group of 10 German students from the University of Osnabruck (Lingen Campus) got a taste of the ins and outs of South African business deals through a unique winter school, run by NMMU.

The students – who are all in their third year of study in subjects ranging from marketing and communication to engineering – teamed up with post-graduate NMMU students studying internal auditing.

Placed in mixed Osnabruck/NMMU teams, they had to work on a project which saw them deciding whether or not to “buy” a real Port Elizabeth business.

The four businesses selected – a beauty salon, a bed-and-breakfast, a pub-and-restaurant and an aluminium door and window manufacturer – were authentic businesses currently on the market.

Each team had to visit their chosen business, chat to the estate agents conducting the sale, collect all the relevant paper work, work on the necessary financial documentation – and then



CULTURAL EXCHANGE ... Among the participants in a German/South African winter school – which saw teams of students from Germany’s University of Osnabruck and NMMU working together to “buy” a new business, were (back, from left) Ntlohang Motlagomang, Siphumle Ntsokolo, NMMU’s Prof Gerrit Radder, Fabian Wiethoelter, Osnabruck’s Dr Josef Goehermann and (front, from left) Tim Fellendorf, Imke Weber, Stefanie Feldmann, Matthews Jevan and Priscah Kisimisi.

decide whether it was viable for them to buy or not. It was the first time such a school has been run at NMMU. Osnabruck business engineering student Tim Fellendorf said what he enjoyed most about the school was “getting to know other people in other cultures, to get the stories of those people, where they come from and where they are now, in comparison to my life”.

Commenting on the business project, Fellendorf said it was the first time he had ever had to make

a buying decision. “Personally, I don’t think I’ll buy a company in South Africa. But it was an achievement to deal with other persons – to experience inter-cultural communication – and to do it all in English, of course.”

NMMU Accounting lecturer and winter school coordinator Prof Gerrit Radder said the school was geared towards preparing students for the business world, by giving them an opportunity to conduct business face-to-face.

Academic trainees reflect on their year in office

Alex Shonhiwa

“NO description can quite capture my 2015. It was a great leap crossing the fence from student to academia. I believe I have grown professionally, learnt more about myself and built on a few weaknesses ... The highlight of the year was being asked to coordinate the year-end Honours Integrated Exam. Sitting in those meetings with the ‘Fantastic 4’ [the staff in charge of Honours] and giving the opening remarks: SURREAL! ... To the incoming class of ATs, as professionals, you are defined by challenges so do not shy away from them ... You have the backing of the entire department so ROCK IT!”

Ayran Oosthuizen

“THIS year has been a year of tremendous growth both academically and personally. Being an Academic Trainee (AT) provides you with a wide range of duties which afford you an opportunity [few other trainees get]. This included lecturing (which is not as easy as some of our lecturers make it look), facilitating tutorials and setting assessment questions (a chance to show off your creative abilities). These have improved my soft skills such as time management, articulation, public speaking, report writing and research ... Being granted an opportunity to study further while trying to maintain a work/life balance helped me to be more disciplined with my time and my studies ... To future ATs, this is not an ‘easy’ year ... you will also have deadlines and late nights and work on weekends, however if you are passionate about your work and [work hard], you will be rewarded.”

David Guqaza

“I HAVE had an incredible time as an Academic Trainee this year. Even though it was definitely a very challenging year and at some points, very long hours were worked, it was a year in which I learned a lot and grew as a person. I really loved the fact that I was in a dynamic department and was given a lot of responsibilities even though I was only a first year [trainee] ... A few highlights of my year included being part of the Accounting Idols music video as well as going to the East London career evening with Prof Frans Prinsloo, to motivate high school learners to study at NMMU ... Taking a tutorial with over 150 students in it was right up there and I will never ever forget my first lecture! ... I would definitely encourage any prospective Accounting students to think very seriously about doing AT as the academic environment is really incredible and I will be back!”



LOOKING BACK ... The School of Accounting’s Academic Trainees for 2015 (from left) Alex Shonhiwa, David Guqaza and Ayran Oosthuizen reflect on the highs and lows of last year.

New society creates exciting “vibe”

2015 saw the launch of a new Accounting Society, established with the view of creating a social environment for Accounting Sciences students, wherein they can socialise, network with future employers and other students, and attend presentations by firms.

Its aim, ultimately, is to contribute to a more “student-centric” School of Accounting (SoA) that does not only attract students based on the School’s merits but the “vibe” it creates for its students to express their creative side.

This was identified by NMMU’s SoA as a strategic measure to increase its presence in South Africa to attract students from all over the country.

2015 academic trainee Ayran Oosthuizen identified the School’s existing Facebook page as a platform to reach out to students, and started posting accounting-related memes and articles. In just two months, the page grew from just over 200 likes to more than 500 and stood at 807 at the time of writing. This gives the School a wider reach to communicate upcoming events to students as well as an informal way for students to ask questions and express any issues they may have.

A student-elected committee has since been formed to handle the operational activities of the society.

As part of its launch, the society partnered with sponsor Grant Thornton to run a 30-second video competition: students submitted clips about why they feel NMMU is the best place to study.

Knott-Craig talks business at NMMU

BRAINS FOR BUSINESS... Project Isizwe CEO Alan Knott-Craig junior - who since 2003 has co-founded and/or funded 17 companies in the technology, media and telecommunications sector in Africa - was guest speaker at NMMU's Prof Les Simpson Legacy Lecture.

HE'S not sure whether he's an "optimistic realist" or a "realistic optimist" – but, either way, he believes wholeheartedly in this country's future.

"I've never been more optimistic about South Africa," said Alan Knott-Craig junior, one of South Africa's most prominent young business leaders. "We are a blend of first world infrastructure and third world problems. These can be turned into opportunities to make money and make a difference in people's lives."

The Stellenbosch-based former CEO of Mxit and iBurst – whose most recent business ventures include Project Isizwe, a non-profit company which aims to see free public wifi within walking distance of every citizen in Africa – was in the Bay in October to inspire future business leaders to chase their own dreams of success.

He headed up a discussion titled "insights into being a successful entrepreneur and business leader in an ever-changing environment" at NMMU's Prof Les Simpson Legacy Lecture.

The annual lecture serves to honour the memory and legacy of the late Prof Simpson, who taught Management Accounting at the university for 26 years, during which time he encouraged and inspired scores of future chartered accountants, many of whom went on to achieve remarkable business success.



"The purpose of the lecture is to bring in top business leaders to help students realise that what they are learning is not irrelevant theory, but applies to the real business world. It opens their eyes, motivates them and gives greater meaning to their course content," said Johnathan Dillon, Division Head of Management Accounting and Finance at NMMU.

Knott-Craig, himself a Chartered Accountant who studied at NMMU, said most of his energy of late had gone into Project Isizwe, which essentially helps municipalities deploy free wifi for poor communities. Through Isizwe, the whole of Tshwane will have free wifi by 2017. And if all goes according to plan, Nelson Mandela Bay will follow suit by 2018.

Wuanita Moore

NMMU alumnus Wuanita Moore, director of Boshoff & Moore in Worcester, was named among the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants' (SAICA's) top 35 Chartered Accountants under 35 for 2015. The national competition honours those who not only manage successful careers but who also give back to their communities. Moore, who grew up in Port Elizabeth and studied at NMMU, was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis in 2011. Far from holding her back, it made her even more determined to succeed. In 2013, Moore and Etienne Boshoff joined forces to start Boshoff & Moore. The company specialises in audit, tax, accounting and consultation services – and has grown from strength to strength since its inception. The business is equally passionate about educating and developing young people. Moore herself offers one-on-one sessions with learners, advising them about different career opportunities in accounting. Boshoff & Moore are the registered auditors of more than 35 non-profit organisations in Worcester.



Successful SoA alumni

Two School of Accounting alumni received NMMU's prestigious Alumni Awards in 2015, while a third was recognised as one of the country's top 35 Chartered Accountants under the age of 35.

Andrew Hannington

BCOM Hons (Accounting) graduate Andrew Hannington, who received an NMMU Alumni Achiever Award, is the CEO of Grant Thornton Johannesburg, which has 60 directors and close to 500 staff members. One of the largest accounting firms in South Africa, Grant Thornton audits 45 of 400 companies on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange and consults to a further 30, with billings of more than R600 million annually. Hannington, who started his career in a small accounting and audit firm in Port Elizabeth in the late 1970s, oversaw the merger between Grant Thornton Johannesburg and the former PKF Johannesburg, one of the largest mergers in South Africa's accounting profession in the last decade. Prior to the merger, he was CEO and Africa Chairman of PKF. His passion is using his expertise and keen business acumen to help businesses grow to the point where they can be listed on the JSE.



Gugu Nxiweni

GUGU Nxiweni, who received an NMMU Alumni Rising Star Award in 2015, is on a career roll. In 2014, he was honoured as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum, recognised by the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA) as one of the "top 35 under-35 Chartered Accountants (SA)", and named in Destiny Man Magazine's "Power of 40" report. Also in 2014, he co-founded and became Executive Chairman of the Improve Group of Companies, which focuses on infrastructure-related opportunities that uplift the community. After graduating from NMMU with his BCom Hons (Accounting) degree in 2002, Nxiweni devoted two years to building up the Emmanuel Haven HIV/AIDS NGO. The model he developed and implemented as CEO of Emmanuel Haven resulted in the NGO receiving numerous awards, including the "health category" award in London's World Leadership Awards in 2007. Currently, through the Improve Group, Nxiweni is spearheading the turnaround strategy of the Emmanuel Haven project, with a view to restoring the project to its former glory. In 2010, he was admitted as a partner at KPMG and held numerous leadership roles at the company.



Thuthuka and FASSET highlights 2015

2015 turned out to be an eventful year for both the Thuthuka and FASSET offices. Felancia du Preez joined the programme as the new Thuthuka Project Manager in July, replacing Shareen van der Watt, who had relocated to Cape Town, but was still involved in the programme in a consultative position.

The year began with a welcoming function for all Thuthuka students, which formed part of the Umbala Day team-building activities. The activities hosted by Red Cherry challenged students and lecturers alike, with archery and a mechanical bull demanding the most skill (and providing the most laughs).

The Learning Revolution facilitated a time management workshop for FASSET second year students, and speed reading and learning skills workshops for Thuthuka second-years. The skills honed and developed in these powerful workshops are a vital part of the Thuthuka/FASSET development and mentoring programme.

We were very proud of our 25 BCom students and 15 Honours students who graduated in April. The same Honours students achieved a 100% first-time pass rate for the ITC exam. Two of them, Ayran Oosthuizen and David Guqaza, worked as Academic Trainees. The Honours students were also privileged to attend a Responsible Leadership workshop in June,

presented by Henriette Barnard and Desmond Phuthi from North West University.

Thuthuka second-year Tonielle Prince seized the opportunity to travel, taking part in an exchange programme (offered and funded by NMMU) in the Netherlands during June. These students also completed a three-week business course.

On Women's Day (August 9), Thuthuka first-year students attended a Poetry and Soul Concert, sponsored by SAICA; while Thuthuka third years attended a Professional Communication and Workplace Etiquette workshop, presented by NMMU Business School facilitator Sue Gaskin. NMMU's School of Accounting and FASSET sponsored this year's Diversity competition, where students put their creativity to the test by providing visual representations of diversity. Winner Nkululeko Sthabiso Mbatha went home with a seven inch Lenovo tablet.

SAICA arranged for a Personal Branding workshop with Karl Smith, from Business Solutions South Africa, which was attended by both FASSET and Thuthuka undergrads. This highly successful motivational talk focussed on personal image and one's online footprint.

The year ended with the 2015 Honours students attending a Work Readiness Programme, presented in collaboration with KPMG and Shareen van der Watt. Topics covered included leadership



Felancia du Preez (Thuthuka Project Manager) and Heather Cousins (Thuthuka and FASSET Academic Mentor)

and management issues, dining and wine etiquette, professional communication and dealing with clients (including client interviews), office etiquette, professional dress, and managing personal finance.

Academic Mentoring

Heather Cousins, the Academic Mentor for both Thuthuka and FASSET, facilitated the study and student development facet of the programme. She said students always started the year thinking that good grades come from working hard. While this is partially true, it is also about "studying smart" and this is where academic mentoring and developing study skills are absolutely vital. Discipline is a skill and can be developed through practice: it is the only thing standing between students and their ability to excel. Students who worked closely with the mentoring programme throughout the year improved and were generally less stressed at exam time. Our mentoring motto is: "Mastering others is strength, mastering yourself is true power!"



COMMUNITY-FOCUSED ... In celebration of Women's Month in August and as part of their 2015 Social Responsibility Project, Thuthuka undergrad girls took part in a fundraising initiative in support of Hannah's Arms, a Port Elizabeth NPO whose mission is to ensure that vulnerable or abandoned babies/toddlers in need of care are provided with a place of safety, in a private home environment. The girls raised R11,600 through tin collections at various traffic intersections in Walmer and along Cape Road. Also in August, Thuthuku female Honours students supported the NMMU Saniteens Project by donating a packet a sanitary towels for underprivileged teenagers.

BUILDING TOMORROW'S LEADERS ... The annual Thuthuka Leadership Summit was delivered in two sessions this year: one for FASSET second- and third-year students and the other for Thuthuka undergrads. The keynote speaker was Amabubesi Investments CEO Sango Ntsaluba (right), a qualified Chartered Accountant (SA) who has vast experience in various businesses. The aim of the summit was to create a space where leadership issues specific to the Commerce Sector and Africa could be discussed. Two third-year students presented on topics which tied in with Ntsaluba's focus areas: Amanda Hobana presented on the "Role of Accounting in boosting small business" and Nhlakanipo Meke presented on "Future Transformation".



School of Accounting's degree prizegiving

The School of Accounting held its 48th annual prizegiving for top achievers in the degree programmes in the field of Accountancy on 11 April 2015.

BEST STUDENTS IN DEGREE PROGRAMMES IN 2014	
Accounting 1 (1st Semester) CA Stream General Stream	Matthew Walker Mpho Ngwenya
Accounting 1 (2nd Semester) CA Stream General Stream	Jessica Harvey Roman Snasil
Accounting 2 (1st Semester) CA Stream General Stream	Megan Gowar Natalya Apopo
Accounting 2 (2nd Semester) CA Stream General Stream	Donovan de Bruin Danielle Terblanche
Ethics and Corporate Governance 2	Nadia Vosloo
Auditing 2	Donovan de Bruin
Management Accounting and Taxation 2	Donovan de Bruin
Accounting 3 (1st Semester) CA Stream General Stream	Tamryn Smith & Alexandra Riddel Nathan Wood
Accounting 3 (2nd Semester) CA Stream General Stream	Tamryn Smith Brendan Bouwer & Johan Burger
Auditing 3 (1st Semester) CA Stream General Stream	Bongeka Mbonisweni Nomawethu Hina
Auditing 3 (2nd Semester) CA Stream General Stream	Tamryn Smith Lynette van Gent
Taxation 3 (1st Semester) CA Stream General Stream	Simone Smith Amy ter Stege
Taxation 3 (2nd Semester) CA Stream General Stream	Tamryn Smith Dustin Weitz

Management Accounting 3 (1st Semester) CA Stream General Stream	Bongeka Mbonisweni Sabriha Poejl
Management Accounting 3 (2nd Semester) CA Stream General Stream	Simone Smith Amy ter Stege
Accounting 4	Athini Mtwazana
Auditing 4	Daniel Alfond (Joint) Dian Fourie (Joint) Deanne Nolte (Joint) Suzaan van den Berg (Joint)
Taxation 4	Suzaan van den Berg
Management Accounting 4	Suzaan van den Berg & Dian Fourie

BEST STUDENTS IN THUTHUKA PROGRAMME	
Best Student 1st Year – Thuthuka Programme	Tonielle Prince
Best Student 2nd Year – Thuthuka Programme	Axolile Mtwazi
Best Student 3rd Year – Thuthuka Programme	Jennilee Oosthuizen
Best Student BCom Honours (Accounting) – Thuthuka Programme	David Guqaza

BEST STUDENTS IN 2014	
Best Student in 2nd Year BCom	Donovan de Bruin
Best Student Final Year BCom	Tamryn Smith
Best Student Final Year BCom (Rationum)	Scott Kelly
Best Student BCom Honours (Accounting)	Dian Fourie

School of Accounting's diploma prizegiving

The School of Accounting held its 3rd annual prizegiving for top achievers in the diploma programmes in the field of Accountancy on 9 April 2015.

BEST STUDENTS IN DIPLOMA PROGRAMME SUBJECTS IN 2014	
Financial Accounting 1	Thabo Mahongwana
Financial Accounting 2	Annelize Shergold-Smith
Financial Accounting 3	Sinazo Dabula
Taxation 1	Prebashnee Govender
Taxation 2	Zintle Ntsundushe
Cost Accounting 2	Vuyiseka Goduka Asongezwa Botha (Joint)
Management Accounting 3	Prebashnee Govender
Auditing 2	Tshwanelo Mokgethi
Auditing 3	Lwazi Mdana

BTECH	
Financial Management 4	Felicia Noah
Management Accounting 4	Ayola Madubela
Auditing	Lufefe Plaatjie (Joint) Zizipho Matandabuzo

DIPLOMA	
Diploma in Accountancy First Year	Lucy Mulder
Diploma in Accountancy Second Year	Annelize Shergold-Smith
Diploma in Accountancy Third Year	Zintle Ntsundushe
Diploma in Internal Auditing	Lwazi Mdana
Diploma in Financial Information Systems	Sinazo Gomo
Diploma in Cost and Management Accounting	Onele Dyonase
Best Diploma Student	Lwazi Mdana

BTECH	
BTech Internal Auditing	Zizipho Matandabuzo
BTech Financial Information Systems	Cikizwa Bongo (Joint) Asavela Gijana
BTech Cost and Management Accounting	Felicia Noah
Best BTech Student	Felicia Noah