

The Iqraa Trust, a humanitarian organisation that has partnered with MUT in a number of schools empowerment and disaster relief programmes, sponsored R25 000. The Iqraa Trust was represented by its chairman, Dr Mahmoud Youssef Baker, who has become a benefactor of MUT school empowerment projects such as literacy, aid relief during the storms and support for Maths education.

Gem School Wear has been partnering with MUT since 2017 in both its COE and other school empowerment projects. They have sponsored laptops, school uniforms, gift vouchers, and in March this year provided a R20 000 sponsorship for the top achieving and most improved schools, presented by Managing Director, Mr Idris Pandor. "The social problems our country is facing are crying out aloud, especially in the education sector. As a company we believe in the notion 'GIVE AS YOU EARN' as a token of appreciation to our valued customers," said Mr Pandor.

Each year the COE organisers work hard to spread the net to more corporate sponsors, and this year they were thrilled to welcome new sponsors on board to support matric excellence in Umlazi Township. One of these was Vodacom South Africa, which funded tablets for five Accounting teachers, as well as providing fifteen hampers to acknowledge principals'

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strong leadership of their respective schools – a key factor in the outstanding school results. Edwin Lebuso, Marketing Specialist: Youth at Vodacom, has already identified a number of projects for future collaboration with MUT, such as youth and women empowerment, rolling out e-learning platforms at schools in the township, and sharing a number of Vodacom youth benefit programmes with MUT students.

To support the teaching of science and contribute to improving results in this core subject, JVL Lab Supplies sponsored science laboratory supplies. These were presented by Jeremy Nagiah to Sishosonke High School which improved their results from 40,63% to 90% in 2019.



A teacher from Velabahleke, middle, with Mr Idris Pandor, second from left, and MUT and DoE officials