

International academics make a telling mark in MUT's academic progression

The University that started off from very humble beginnings – 15 students in 1979, all males – has since produced more than 40 000 graduates. Although Mangosuthu University of Technology was a Technicon when it was founded by Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi 40 years ago, it soon took on international flavour when it was joined by academics from outside South Africa. David Atta from Ghana was one of the first international academics to be part of the set-up. David spent most of his adult life at the institution, working in the Department of Chemical Engineering. He and others were to be joined by many other internationals in time.

Their role has been immense, and some of them have won awards. What is most pleasing about them is that they are very forward-looking individuals, and some are found in labs, studying or teaching, even during the weekends. Most joined the University either with a Master's degree, or were working towards one. Most have gone on to obtain PhDs (doctorates) from local universities. The University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) is one of the local institutions where most of these internationals graduate.

Meet some of the 35 international academics that are currently employed by the University:



Joseph Kapuku Bwapwa, from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, has a PhD from UKZN.



Professor Babatunde Femi Bakare, from the Republic of Nigeria, has a PhD from UKZN.



Hloniphani Ndebele, from Zimbabwe, has a PhD from UKZN.



Bethel Mutanga, from Zimbabwe, has a PhD from the University of Zululand.



Michael Mwitwa Shapi, from Zambia, has a PhD from the University of Helsinki, Finland.



Chiemela Onunka, middle, from the Republic of Nigeria, has a PhD from UKZN



Farai Murungu, from Zimbabwe, has a PhD from the University of Fort Hare.



Professor Georgina Arthur, from Ghana, has a PhD from UKZN

- ◆ Chrispin Mulangu, from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, has a PhD from UKZN.
- ◆ Pappy Numbi, from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, has a PhD from the University of Pretoria.