



THE DYNAMIC DUO WHO PAIRED UP TO CREATE PAIRS!

It was the love of fashion and style that brought Khethokuhle Gumede and Lindani Buthelezi together. The two gentlemen met at MUT while pursuing their public management qualification, and by 2018 their friendship had blossomed into a business partnership.

The two craftsmen have the belief that when shoes are comfortable and classy, so is the mind, body and spirit. After successfully sharing fashion styles, they decided to go all in and start a tailor-made shoe manufacturing business. They are equal partners and co-founders of Ihawu Vision, a shoe company that manufactures classic leather footwear. “We realised that the only way to put our idea to the test was to just start. Making customised shoes for clients who are happy to wear our brand has been a driver and inspiration for us to pursue our dreams and grow our business. Our shoes are made on order according to individual client specifications and needs. We already employ

two staff members and we are happy to be contributing to their family income,” said Khethokuhle.

Khethokuhle and Lindani acknowledge the role MUT played in their growth, and both say there is a positive difference between who they are today and the two young men who enrolled at MUT for the first time in 2016. In 2020 they graduated with an advanced diploma in Public Management and are indeed growing personally, academically and professionally. They share responsibility for the business, with Lindani being in charge of marketing while Khethokuhle is a strategist and an ideas person providing innovative strategic direction to keep the business successful.

