



PROVIDING HASSLE-FREE DRINKING WATER

Our former SRC treasurer and chemical engineering graduate, Felix Kunene, has taken full advantage of his MUT qualification and the skills and expertise learned during his tenure in the SRC. He is now a very successful entrepreneur who runs a water purification and water solutions company called Waterman Swaziland, located at Swaziland's upmarket The Gables shopping complex.

Thabiso Felix Kunene - Class of '99

Established in 2010, Waterman Swaziland has a bottling division which provides the premium "Water Plus" brand of water; a technical division which specialises in water treatment and waste water treatment (including providing solutions for recycling and reusing water); and a retail shop with in-house water purification equipment, allowing the public to access on-the-spot water solutions and quality bottled water.

Walking into the shop, Felix's success is quite visible through a display of more than six awards in recognition of his outstanding work. The collection of awards includes Entrepreneur of the Year awards; a Most Innovative Business award; a Best SME award, and a number of excellence awards.

"We have broken a lot of barriers. We were the first water company in Swaziland, 100% black owned, in the most expensive shopping centre in Swaziland. We have created more than 25 job opportunities since our inception, bearing in mind that Swaziland is a small economy and has a population of less than a million. My qualification has directed my professional path in a huge and meaningful way. While at MUT I started Scrabble as a sporting code, I was a member of AIESEC and finally I was SRC Treasurer. This taught me leadership, accountability and teamwork," says the pioneering entrepreneur.