

## Budding entrepreneurs make a grand entrée at Rainbow Day

The Rainbow Day event, held on 27 March in commemoration of Human Rights Day, showed that students bring with them many talents - and there is still a lot of untapped potential. From fashion designers to bakers, beauticians, hairstylists, second hand book sellers and typists (the list goes on), the budding entrepreneurs who displayed their wares proved that the 13,500-strong student community can flourish and thrive financially by doing business among themselves and creating home-grown MUT talent.

### Meet Sabelo Shozi, creator of Brave clothing line

Brave is the new clothing label that is rocking MUT. Just stand at the main gate every morning as students arrive on campus and you will be mesmerised by the support the label is attracting.

The brand creator is Sabelo Shozi, a final-year Electrical Engineering student who hails from Ndwedwe. Sabelo learnt the trade from his mother who is a seamstress. He began making his own clothes and he would always stand out among his friends

whenever he attended anything. Over time they started asking him to 'make them something'. Today, he has set up his own small business in one of the Umlazi industrial areas and employs young people.

Within minutes of displaying his clothing line on Rainbow Day, he received four orders and the people wanted to wear their outfits on the spot.

### Meet the young men behind the lens

"Anyone can take a picture. A person with a passion sees the picture before it is taken." (Anonymous)

Clive Mthembu and his friend Sphamandla Mchunu are second-year Marketing students who joined forces to invest in a good Canon camera.

Some of the pictures taken during the Rainbow Day event were taken by them, and they are awesome!

Clive Mthembu



Ntombenhle, standing, showing her confectionery work

### Meet Ntombenhle Xaba, the baker

Ntombenhle is a first-year Accounting student. When her mother passed away, Ntombenhle was doing her first year at UCT and financial constraints forced her to return home to KZN. She had to find alternative ways of making a living and resorted to what her mother had taught her. Today, she gets business from Umlazi locals who enjoy her brownies, scones, biscuits and exotic desserts. She also does décor. Her stall was a hit on Rainbow Day.



Makhosana, left, showing off some of the books she is selling

### Meet Makhosana Radebe, owner of the Lifestyle second hand bookshop

Her love for reading is still great in spite of the digital noise surrounding everyone. "There are many people like me, who still love reading books. We were borrowing from one another until I decided to start selling second hand books. I have been selling these books at DUT and I am so glad that MarComms has given me this platform," said Radebe.

## Building a united MUT workforce - Wakanda style

MUT's end of year event is a team-building event on a grand scale. The theme of the 2018 bash, which attracted 400 staff, was Wakanda-Ankara (from the 2018 blockbuster, *Black Panther*). From executive management to entry level employees, the theme was embraced by all, with staff arriving in an array of African fashion - from traditional attire to fusions of African prints and fabrics, bright colours, eye-catching designs and patterns with a modern, yet classy twist. It was indeed Wakanda forever!

The event served as a great way to strengthen ties with employees, emphasise and showcase company culture and celebrate the accomplishments of the University. Just like in the Marvel movie, Wakanda represents a nation of different African cultures made up of several different tribes, each with their own distinctive style. This was visible at the event, through activities such as Battle of the Departments where departments (including the library, HR, IT and clinic) went head-to-head showcasing their hidden *iscathamiya* talents.



Dr Malaza having a light moment with some of the staff members at the event



Everyone rose to the occasion! MUT staff in Wakanda style



Like a professional Isicathamiya outfit! The Library staff gave a winning performance