

Natural Sciences faculty honouree pays tribute to parents

The Faculty of Natural Sciences during its graduation honoured Mr Colin Fourie, founder of Microvision, an IT solutions company. Mr Fourie said the graduates were well placed to deal with the challenges posed by the 4th Industrial Revolution, particularly the IT students.

“You are graduating as we enter the 4th Industrial Revolution that will fundamentally change our lives.”

Mr Fourie paid tribute to parents who sacrificed a lot to ensure that their children graduated. “In South Africa, we live by the proverb that ‘It takes a village to raise a child’.”



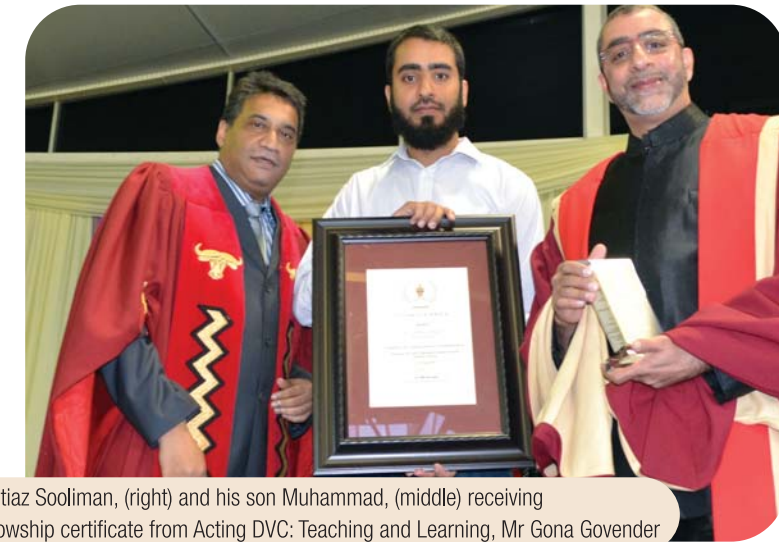
Mr Fourie, (right) receiving a fellowship certificate from Prof Nokwethemba Ndlazi, Acting DVC: Resources and Planning

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Double honour for the MUT honouree

The Faculty of Management Sciences honoured, Dr Imtiaz Sooliman for his sterling work during the 2018 graduation ceremony. Dr Sooliman’s organisation, the Gift of the Givers, donated 20 computers worth R250 000 to MUT to replace those damaged by the storms in October 2017. The Gift of the Givers also donated food parcels to MUT students. In his address, Dr Sooliman advised the students, never to forget their parents who are the source of their success.

“In everything you do, be the best; serve, but expect nothing in return. Not even a thank you” Dr Sooliman



Dr Imtiaz Sooliman, (right) and his son Muhammad, (middle) receiving a fellowship certificate from Acting DVC: Teaching and Learning, Mr Gona Govender

Inkongo yokubonga: Showing gratitude to parents

After graduating 2,338 students over five days, a pattern emerged in the various guest speakers’ messages. They each stressed the need for MUT graduates to thank their parents, guardians and whoever had supported them during their student days.

The tone was set for the culture of giving back when Dr Imtiaz Sooliman, founder of Gift of the Givers, revealed how he had become a philanthropist. “People in need should not have to request assistance” is his philosophy and something we ought to remember.

Here are pictures of our students showing their gratitude. MUT designed several messages and asked students to choose the most meaningful ones. Inkongo yokubonga came out tops!



The Xaba family has had four children graduating at MUT and some of them are making an impact in business. Mr & Mrs Xaba are with their twin children who are both MUT graduates



MUT staff member, Bheki Nzama, (right) with his family during his daughters graduation



Proud parent, Ncedo with her daughter

Kudos to Management Sciences staff

Congratulations are in order on several fronts in the Faculty of Management Sciences.

Professor Logan Naidoo of the Department of Human Resources Management was awarded the Best Paper Presentation prize at the 17th SAAPAM annual conference from 8-11 May, held at Mmabatho Palms Hotel in Mafikeng, North West. His topic was “21st Century learning in higher education”. Vukile Mgjijima and Noma Ngubane are also to be congratulated on the publication of their article, titled “Complexities of intercultural writing process of budding multilingual writers”.



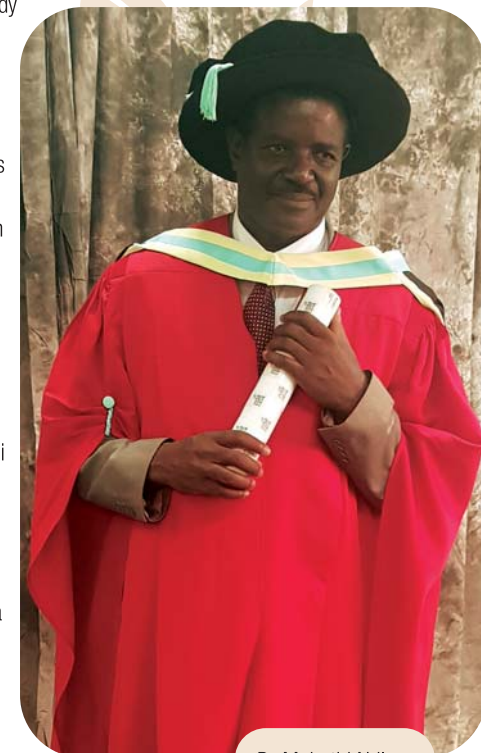
Prof Logan Naidoo

MUT’s initiative to develop staff qualifications continues to bear fruit, with two departmental heads from the faculty recently acquiring their PhDs. Dr Mphathi Ndlovu, the acting HOD of Marketing, obtained his PhD from DUT, while Dr Thobekile Luthuli, the acting HOD of Communications, obtained hers from the University of Zululand. Dr Ndlovu said his doctoral study and ongoing research will enable students in his department to receive tuition that is up-to-date and relevant. “Furthermore, MUT will benefit as the number of academics with PhDs increases and the base for supporting higher degrees expands,” he commented. The title of Dr Ndlovu’s thesis was Co-branding through soccer in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. At DUT, Dr Ndlovu’s promoter was Professor JP Govender and his co-promoter was Professor S Penciliah.

The title of Dr Luthuli’s study was Politeness in context: the case of apologies of a South African isiZulu-speaking community. Reading Dr Luthuli’s thesis could help in improving one’s understanding of an important aspect of Zulu culture: respect. Such an understanding could go a long way in reducing conflict where insufficient knowledge of the culture can be identified. Dr Luthuli said the qualification will put the department in an even stronger position to deal with challenging situations, as they serve a large number of students from poor backgrounds.



Dr Thobekile Luthuli



Dr Mphathi Ndlovu