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PROF BONANG MOHALE



The Chancellor's Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award recognises distinguished achievements and service towards the UFS community. What does this achievement mean to you?

Knowledge will give one power, but character gives one respect! Money, position, and power really reveal the true character of a person. One's true character is most transparent when placed in a position of power. Character is defined by what we are willing to do when the spotlight has been turned off, when the applause has died down and no one is around to give us credit.

What legacy should an awards ceremony like this leave for prospective alumni?

The simple legacy of being good human beings! Goodness is about character, integrity, honesty, kindness, generosity, and moral courage.

Why should UFS alumni and current students be encouraged to strive towards nomination for one of these awards?

To represent those without a voice, thereby releasing better humans that are deeply caring for each other and are meaningfully connected. Incredibly constructive citizens and

catalysts of change – to change us from humankind to kind humans, simply because kindness is the highest form of intelligence. To change us from important people to persons of significance – from taking to giving, as a new form of transformative philanthropy.

What are the top three activities that you believe the UFS should keep implementing to nurture a transformed, diverse, and supportive community of alumni?

The most pressing and urgent is dealing decisively with historical debt!

The annual student protests about financial exclusion since the 2015 #FeesMustFall movement are a stark reminder of just how polarised the country still is. Many people are now left with no choice but to face economic fears without a trust safety net. They see social fabric continuing to weaken and ideology become identity, where few people would help, live, or work with the other side. Distrust breeds polarisation, and polarisation worsens fears. Many see deep divisions and don't think that we will ever get past them. Institutions of higher learning and business leaders should speak out on the social and ethical issues of the day – it can no longer be business as usual. Both are now most expected to act on students and employees' issues, discrimination, and climate change. Invest in equitable access and fair compensation, local communities, and skills training, use the power of their brands to create a shared identity, and hold divisive forces accountable. The best societal outcomes are envisaged when institutions of higher learning, business, labour, civil society, and government work together.

Interviewer: Linkie Bessinger

PROF FRANCIS PETERSEN



The University of the Free State has always recognised and celebrated excellence. As one of South Africa's oldest institutions of higher learning, we have a proud history of development and achievement dating back to 1904.

Excellence is part of our DNA, and our valued alumni across the globe are the products of this. We believe the impact our alumni are making at every level should be continuously encouraged for the greater good, through recognition and celebration of achievements. This is why the Chancellor's Distinguished Alumni Awards Ceremony has for the past 38 years shed light on the impact of our exceptional alumni, and will continue to do so.

The theme for the 2023 Chancellor's Distinguished Alumni Awards is 'From Graduates to Global Citizens'. Of course, the most powerful display of this theme is the impressive alumni body – personified by the honourees in this booklet – that we continuously celebrate.

Over the course of 119 years, the UFS has consistently produced not only good workers for the ever-evolving global job market, but also responsible, well-balanced citizens with a broad, society-focused vision.

ic insight that informs our curricula. Funding research projects and providing student bursaries are other ways in which alumni can demonstrate their support.

I urge all our alumni, not only those we honour tonight, to learn more about the UFS's Vision 130, an exciting elaboration of our strategic intent to reposition our institution for 2034, when we will commemorate our 130th anniversary.

It contains several bold but attainable aspirations, as well as sustainable commitments, in order to turn vision into reality. It is centred around the pillars of academic excellence, quality and impact; creating maximum societal impact with sustainable relationships; and establishing a diverse, inclusive, and equitable university.

As a university community, we want our current and former students to embrace and reflect these values in order to make a positive difference that will take our country, our region, and our world forward.

The alumni honoured this year are an embodiment of our Vision 130, and we congratulate them and look forward to the great achievements that are on the horizon for you and the rest of the UFS community!

UFS alumni, no matter when they graduated or where they ended up in the world, are all valued stakeholders of our university.

We encourage our local and international alumni to become part of a vibrant and supportive community of former UFS students. Involvement can mean supporting UFS mentoring programmes or providing internships and employment opportunities for young graduates. Alumni can also represent their industry as an expert on our UFS Academic Advisory Boards, helping us to gain valuable industry-specific

DR PIETER DU TOIT



SUCCESS STARTS WITH INWARD FOCUS

Once you turn yourself away from the framework of other individuals' achievements, you will start to see and celebrate your own successes.

According to Dr Pieter du Toit, President of the Convocation of the UFS, your success can only take root when you take other people out of your equation. "As soon as you see others as a measurement to how you should be successful, you'll always end up disappointed," he says. "Success, and the path to it, looks different for each person. Once you know what you value as successful, the journey to it becomes more clear and easily achievable."

The winners of the 2023 Chancellor's Distinguished Alumni Awards are individuals who identified what their measurement of success is in themselves and boldly followed the way to their achievements. Dr Du Toit says too many people in our current society view their surroundings as a predictor of their ability to grow or succeed. "When you measure yourself to a worldly system, you'll never utilise your own abilities and talents."

Many UFS alumni have successfully grasped this concept and embed-

ded it in their lives. Dr Du Toit emphasises that the next step is to use these successes to inspire and equip others. "Often individuals think that contributions are only made in financial form. At the UFS, we want you to also come with your time and

your expertise and give back to the institution which gave its time and expertise to you. You should ask yourself how you are able to do just that."

He adds that the UFS is immensely proud of the students, past and present, who are hoisting the institution's banner high and with pride. "To live according to the values of the institution which had a part in your development, even when you are no longer directly affiliated with it, stands for a strong and vastly formed character."

Speaking on behalf of the Convocation, Dr Du Toit says they not only celebrate the awardees, but also want to encourage other alumni to make their achievements known. "We want to celebrate you and give credit to what you have conquered. Put up your hand and let us identify you to give credit where credit is due. There is a fine line between arrogance and confidence, and because of the values of the UFS embedded in your character, we know that your self-identification will not be in the light of the latter."

By Linkie Bessinger

DR RUSSELL ALLY



ALUMNI RELATIONS BECOMES THE INFLUENCE THAT BRIDGES THE PAST WITH THE FUTURE

To make a success of anything that is of value to you, you'll have to put in the necessary effort to make it successful.

According to Dr Russell Ally, Director of Institutional Advancement at the UFS, this is the key to the success achieved by the 2023 Chancellor's Distinguished Alumni Awards recipients.

Hard work looks different to each person and can be regarded in different ways, but success will only be reached by putting in the 'hard yards'. "Hard work is not unrewarding or something you feel you force yourself to do. It's merely what you need to do to achieve your goals," Dr Ally says.

The university takes pride in the accomplishments of its students, past and present. "Not only does it reflect well on the institution when our students succeed, but it also enhances its standing and stature. It's an honour to recognise and acknowledge UFS alumni and remind them that their achievements are seen and celebrated."

Holding ceremonies like this one strengthens the bridge alumni create between the past and the future. "These awardees were once students at the UFS; now they are the

usually have very close – and reciprocal – relationships with their surrounding communities."

But even though the academic side of university life is important, the social aspects should also be valued and embraced; that is how lifelong relationships are formed, Dr Ally says. "The COVID-19 pandemic left us locked away from the world. It taught us to not take things for granted, and appreciate what it means to be able to study at a university."

For the first time since 2019 the UFS is hosting an in-person Chancellor's Distinguished Alumni Awards Ceremony and, according to Dr Ally, it is the perfect way to celebrate and recall the value of relationships.

This will be the first time Dr Ally attends the awards as Director of Institutional Advancement, a position he accepted in July 2021. "I have had limited exposure to the university, but despite that I've had the chance to appreciate the warmth and hospitality of the UFS. Through this awards ceremony we can display those characteristics for the world to see. And, when they see it, people can't help but be attracted to this institution."

By Linkie Bessinger

ones who inspire the current students by their accomplishments."

Many alumni will feel forever bonded with the UFS, and thus it is important to stay involved and engaged with the institution so they can help shape its future. "I believe that to develop a vision, one needs to listen, understand, absorb, and experience. Universities that thrive



Chancellor's Distinguished Alumna of the Year

GERDA STEYN

Gerda Steyn completed her Quantity Surveying Honours degree at the University of the Free State in 2012 and worked as a professional quantity surveyor in Johannesburg before moving to a Dubai-based company in 2014. Then she made an even more unusual and pivotal change in career – she decided to pursue professional athletics, and in April made history by becoming the first woman to win the Two Oceans Marathon four consecutive times.

She is also the national record holder of the standard marathon distance, and represented South Africa at the 2020 Olympic Games held in Tokyo, Japan, in 2021. At the most recent Two Oceans Marathon, held on 15 April 2023, she smashed the record she had set in 2022, finishing the race 39 seconds faster. Approximately 10 000 athletes took part, starting at the Newlands Stadium and ending on the University of Cape Town's campus.

Shortly after her fourth win in the 56 km race, Steyn told media that

her desire to inspire girls kept her motivated during the race. Her first Two Oceans first-place win took place in 2018, and she won again in 2019 and 2022 – the marathon was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Proving that she not only has golden feet but a heart of gold, too, in 2022 she pledged to donate some of her Two Oceans winnings towards the development of athletes living in Muizenberg, Cape Town. A true example of perseverance and hard work, she also won the Comrades Marathon in 2019, and finished seventh in the London Marathon in 2020.

Prof Francis Petersen, Rector and Vice-Chancellor of the UFS, says Steyn is an embodiment of focus and determination. "I am so proud of her. The UFS is truly the home of champions."

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Young Alumna of the Year

SEBABATSO TSAOANE

Sebatso Tsaoane (28) is a multi-award-winning Registered Nurse Midwife, Founder and CEO of the Black Woman Arise Women's Health Foundation, an academic, and change agent.

She holds a master's degree in Nursing, and constantly goes beyond the call of duty to manifest her vision of healing the nation by healing women. Her non-profit organisation, Black Woman Arise Women's Health Foundation, is aimed at promoting women's sexual reproductive health through de-stigmatisation, education, and bridging the gap between women in the community and healthcare professionals.

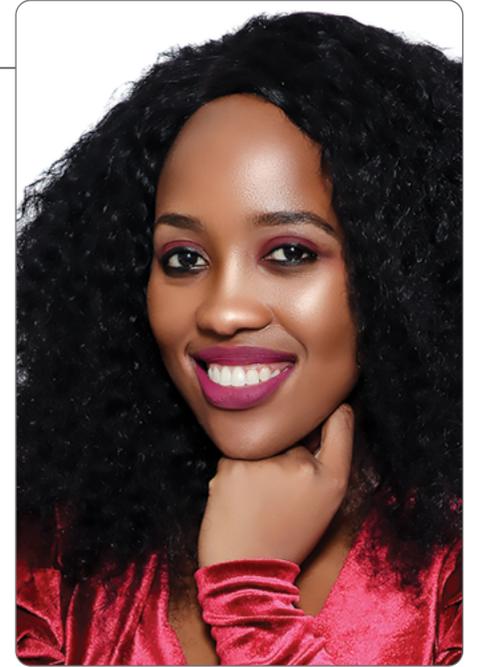
Through this NPO, which she started using her own funds, Tsaoane is working on a project to decrease cervical cancer-related morbidity and mortality among women in the Mangaung metro. This is done through taking cervical cancer screening services to disadvantaged and hard-to-reach areas in the Mangaung metro via a mobile clinic in order to raise awareness and promote early detection.

She also provides training for nurses to improve capacity to provide

cervical cancer education and screening. Through a partnership with the Department of Health, Tsaoane is working on opening a clinic in a district hospital to decentralise precancer treatment and reduce long waiting periods for women with positive pap smear results.

As if that's not enough, Tsaoane provides training for traditional and faith-based leaders to empower them to better support their congregants and promote screening behaviour.

This remarkable young Nurse Midwife was chosen by the International Confederation of Midwives for the Young Midwifery Leadership programme through a highly competitive process which saw only 10 young midwives selected globally. She has also received national and international accolades from, among others, Africa's Brightest Young Minds, *Mail & Guardian* Top 50 Powerful Women 2021, Free State Premier Top 50 Inspirational Youth in the Free State 2022, and the Nation Builder's Development Nation Builder of the Year.



Her flagship annual talk show, *How I Met My Vagina*, has created a platform for women from different backgrounds to celebrate the uniqueness of their womanhood.

Tsaoane was appointed a Junior Lecturer in the UFS Nursing department in 2016, placing her at the forefront of moulding the next generation of caregivers driven by the values of selfless service, professionalism, and kindness.

Those who have interacted with Tsaoane hold one thing true: she has a healing spirit, a widening pool of knowledge about women's health, and a pure heart for community service.

Executive Management Award

PROF FRANCOIS STRYDOM



Professor Francois Strydom is currently the Senior Director of Teaching and Learning at the University of the Free State.

He has been the project leader of the South African Surveys of Student Engagement (SASSE) since 2007. The SASSE project, sponsored by the Kresge Foundation, currently works with 19 public higher education institutions, and has influenced national quality assurance practices. It is a critical component of the Siyaphumelela (We succeed) network, focused on improving student success in higher education through data analytics.

Prof Strydom has collaborated with several higher education associations and stakeholders on higher education initiatives related to access and success. He is the recipient of multiple research grants and has published several articles focused on higher education issues. His research interests include student engagement and success, improving the quality of teaching and learning, and evidence-based change in higher education.

He holds a doctorate degree in Philosophy from Oxford University (2002), along with three degrees from the UFS: a Master of Arts in Counselling Psychology (1997), Bachelor of Arts Honours in Psychology (1995), and a Bachelor of Arts (1994).

He is a member of the Kovsie Phamisa Academy Advisory Committee, a former council member of the Motheo TVET college, and has served as an appointee to the Siyaphumelela Network Advisory Group and the executive of the Higher Education Learning and Teaching Association of Southern African (HELTASA). From 2007 to 2011 he was a member of the Rhodes Scholarship Southern African selection panel.

Prof Strydom was the co-founder of the South African Society in Oxford (SASIO) in 2001, a representative of the Friends Social Club on the Rector's multicultural committee at the UFS from 1994 to 1996, and was co-founder of the Friends Social Club, the first multicultural student organisation at the UFS, in 1993.

Executive Management Award

PROF ABDON ATANGANA



Professor Abdon Atangana is a leading Applied Mathematics professor at the University of the Free State, and founder of several mathematical formulae and methods used in many fields of science, technology, and engineering.

He obtained his honours and master's degrees from the Department of Applied Mathematics at the UFS with distinction, and obtained his PhD in Applied Mathematics from the Institute for Groundwater Studies. He has graduated nine PhD and 16 master's students at the UFS and the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences Cameroon (AIMS Cameroon).

He has supervised six postdoctoral fellows at the UFS, and has published more than 450 peer-reviewed papers in top-tier journals. He has authored 10 books published with Elsevier, Springer, and Taylor & Francis. He serves as an editor for 30 international journals, is a reviewer of more than 200 internationally

accredited journals, and has been named the world champion of peer review twice.

Prof Atangana is the first mathematician in Africa to be listed as 'highly cited' by the Clarivate Web of Science, in 2019, 2020, and 2021. He was ranked the number one and number two researcher globally in General Mathematics on Stanford University's Top 2% Scientists Worldwide list in 2021 and 2022 respectively.

He is a recipient of the 2020 Obada Prize, the 2020 TWAS-UNESCO Hamdan Award for Mathematics, and many others. He is the first African mathematician under the age of 40 to be elected as a fellow of the African Academy of Sciences, and the second mathematician from South Africa to be elected as a fellow of The World Academy of Science (TWAS). He was appointed to the TWAS Membership Advisory Committee on Mathematical Sciences from 2023 to 2024



Cum Laude Award

DR SOLOMON WERTA

Dr Solomon Werta has held the position of Research and Community Service Vice-President of Dire Dawa University (DDU) in Ethiopia since October 2020. He is the youngest Vice-President of any public university in Ethiopia.

He completed his PhD in Physics/Material Science at the University of the Free State in 2020. Before that he received his MSc in Physics (Laser Spectroscopy) from Addis Ababa University in 2013, and his BSc in Applied Physics from the University of Gondar, Ethiopia, in 2010.

Prior to his current role at Dire Dawa University, he held the positions of Director of the General Service Directorate, Coordinator of the Freshman Natural Science Programme, and Head of the Physics Department.

Dr Werta is a founder of the DDU community radio station, the *Harla* series of academic journals, and has been Executive Editor-in-Chief of

the *Harla Journal of Applied Science & Materials* since 2021.

During his tenure as Research and Community Service Vice-President of DDU he has significantly improved the university's performance in terms of research and technology transfer, particularly with regard to internal processes related to research activities and technology transfer, which have been fully automated and could serve as models for institutions across Ethiopia.

He is a board member of DDU Community Radio 104.5, the Ethiopian Red Cross Society's Dire Dawa Branch, and a member of the Ethiopian Physical Society and the Ethiopian Space Science Society.

Dr Werta says that, as a proud University of the Free State alumnus, UFS is always mentioned first in all his lectures and when discussing his life experiences. He strives to represent the university in the greatest possible way.

Cum Laude Award

DR MARYAM AMRA JORDAAN

Dr Maryam Amra Jordaan studied at the University of the Free State from 2001 to 2013 and obtained her BSc Chemistry and Physiology, BSc Honours, MSc, and PhD degrees in Organic Chemistry. She lectured at the UFS QwaQwa campus for five years.

After completing a National Research Foundation (NRF) postdoctoral fellowship in 2018 at Mangosuthu University of Technology (MUT) she lectured in the MUT Department of Chemistry for two years. She has published 18 Department of Higher Education and Training-accredited publications in pharmaceutical and environmental chemistry, and has made both televised and radio appearances disseminating her

research findings, including appearances on BBC World Service, Jacaranda FM, Pretoria FM, and 1KZN.

She joined the MUT Research Directorate in early 2020 as the NRF Administrator and completed a postgraduate diploma in Research Management and Administration (RMA) at Stellenbosch University. In 2016 Maryam and her husband Yasar Amra founded a company called SA Rebuilders, a unique and award-winning SMME that uses a combination of 3D printing, chemistry principles, and plastic recycling to solve socioeconomic problems while being cognisant of its environmental impact. It also provides mentorship to engineers in 3D printing.





Cum Laude Award

PROF ANDRIES STULTING

Professor Andries Stulting is a retired Emeritus Professor and former Head of the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of the Free State. He obtained his MB ChB degree in 1973 and in 1981 completed his MMed (Ophth) degree (cum laude) with the University of Pretoria. He was appointed Head of the Department of Ophthalmology at the then University of the Orange Free State in 1982, and retired from the UFS at the end of August 2013 as Emeritus Professor after 31 years. He worked as a Consultant in the Eye Department at the Kimberley Hospital Complex until December 2015, and trained 47 ophthalmologists during his academic tenure. He was also the Acting Head of the UFS School of Medicine at the Faculty of Health Sciences from October 2009 to February 2012.

Prof Stulting is a member of various national and international societies. He is a former President of the Ophthalmological Society of South Africa, the SA Vitreoretinal Society, the College of Ophthalmologists, the SA Glaucoma Society, and the South African Cataract and Refractive Society. He was the Senior Vice-President of the Colleges of Medicine

of South Africa for eight years, as well as the Vice-Chairman of the South African Medical Association.

He presented more than 600 scientific presentations at national and international conferences and symposia in 36 countries and presented 10 eponymous (named) lectures. He published 95 articles and was part of 40 research projects.

In 1997 Prof Stulting received the Bloemfontein of the Year Award. He also is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Gold Medal in Ophthalmology of the International Academy for Advances in Ophthalmology, Mumbai, India. He received the Centenary Medal of the University of the Free State in 2004 and various awards from the Medical Association of South Africa, including the Lifetime Achievement Award for Medicine in 2013.

He is currently working as a Consultant Ophthalmologist in the private practice of Dr Jaco Maartens at Mediclinic Gariep in Kimberley. He has been happily married to Lemainé, a forensic pathologist also working in the Northern Cape, since 1973. They have two grown-up daughters – their pride and joy!

Kovsie Ambassador Award

REHAN GREEF

Rehan Greeff CA(SA) completed his Bachelor's degree in Accounting (cum laude) and his Accounting Honours degree at the University of the Free State before being professionally certified as a chartered accountant.

He has since obtained experience in various business sectors over the course of his professional career in the "big four" consulting firms. As a consultant with an auditing and accounting background, he has showcased his ability to respond and adapt to the different roles required by clients' changing environments.

Greeff completed his auditing articles with Deloitte in Johannesburg in 2012 before joining its Accounting and Financial Advisory division as a manager. In order to gain experience and establish an international career, he joined the Financial Accounting Advisory Services prac-

tice within EY London in 2015. He has since successfully worked on various accounting change and sustainability-related projects at multinational corporations, including HSBC, Lloyds, and Bank of America.

As an ultramarathon runner and adventure-lover, in 2017 Greeff created Run Forest Run, an organisation dedicated to supporting vulnerable communities and feeding malnourished children in the remotest parts of Africa. He has also become the biggest individual fundraiser towards ForAfrika, which partners with under-resourced communities to implement programmes that address the barriers people face, leading to equitable growth and transformation.

Through his work he has set various long-distance running records and has won an African Achievers Award for positive social impact.



Kovsie Ambassador Award

UYLETA NEL-MARAIS



Uyleta Nel-Marais is a University of the Free State LLB graduate (2014) and has been a Director of Lovius Block Attorneys in Bloemfontein since 2019, after starting as a Candidate Attorney at Lovius Block in 2014.

She was also crowned Mrs Universe South Africa in 2022 and finished in the top 25 of the 2023 global Mrs Universe competition.

After starting as a Candidate Attorney in September 2014 she successfully completed her LLB in December 2014, and her board exams in order to be admitted as a legal practitioner in 2016. She continued her studies to specialise as a conveyancer and notary public, and was successfully admitted in the High Court in 2016 and 2017 respectively.

Within three years after being professionally certified Nel-Marais became a director at Lovius Block in 2019. In 2022 she was elected to be a Council Member at the Free State

Legal Council, and started her philanthropy work by founding the initiative One Nation: Our Women and Children Against Gender-Based Violence. Using her legal background, she has been able to help victims of gender-based violence by offering legal advice, and as Mrs Universe South Africa 2022 she used her resources to collect basic necessities for victims.

She says she had never given modelling a thought before entering Mrs Universe South Africa – because she was too busy studying! Her journey started in 2019 when she was invited to model at a fashion show in Boksburg. She later walked the runway during New York Fashion Week 2020 and took part in Top Model (now known as Opulent Models) that same year.

As a proud ambassador for the UFS, Nel-Marais says she is privileged to be able to use her legal background and title to help others.

Kovsie Ambassador Award

ELIZABETH 'GALI' MOKGOSI



Elizabeth 'Gali' Mokgosi is a unique Bloemfontein performing artist, script writer, theatrical director, and a proud University of the Free State alumna, who completed her Honours degree in Drama and Theatre Arts at the UFS.

Since 2013 she has also been the first director in Bloemfontein (and the Free State at large) to direct deaf theatre productions for local and national stages. She has pioneered an innovative performance approach which has a positive impact on the lives of deaf community members – who are also cast members in her plays – giving them an opportunity to showcase their acting talents using South African Sign Language.

Mokgosi is also the first person to direct a deaf theatre production at the annual Vrystaat Arts Festival, a significant achievement and remark-

able contribution to the South African performance industry. She was included in the *Mail & Guardian's* 200 Young South Africans list in 2015 for her groundbreaking work in deaf theatre.

Her work has been covered in local and national newspapers, radio stations, and TV shows including SABC1's *My World*. She is currently completing a master's degree with the research theme 'Using deaf theatre techniques to improve deaf learners' English writing skills'.

Mokgosi has directed three short films that address health and wellness issues among Kovsie students (performed by students from the UFS's three campuses). This award-winning artist currently serves the UFS as a master of ceremonies during various formal and informal events.

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