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ACADEMIC PRIZES

Prizes are awarded for academic achievements during 2019

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

Standard Bank prize

Best B Agric Agricultural Management honours student
[Gugulasekho Mkhize](#)

Best B Agric Agricultural Economics honours student
[Bonolo Jafta](#)

PPS prize

Best final-year student in BSc Agricultural Economics
[Grace Smythe](#)

ABSA prize

Best final-year B Agric student in Agricultural Management
[Corien van Zyl](#)

Best final-year B Agric student in Agricultural Economics
[Onkgomoditse Khaile](#)

Departmental prize

Best BSc first-year Agricultural Economics student
[Bianca Steyn](#)

Best BSc Agricultural Economics honours student
[Cheri-Lynn Steyn](#)

ANIMAL, WILDLIFE AND GRASSLAND SCIENCES

Animal Science

Zoetis Cash Prize

Best BSc Agric final-year student in Animal Physiology with a minimum of 70%
[Courtney Erasmus](#)

SASAS Merit Prize

Best BSc Agric final-year student in Animal Science with an average above 70%
[Suné Hayward](#)

SA Studbook cash prize

Best BSc Agric final-year student in Animal Breeding with an average above 70%
[Hendrik Goosen](#)

Voermol Animal Nutrition Prize

Best BSc Agric student in Animal Nutrition
[Courtney Erasmus](#)

PPS Prize

Best and most diligent fourth-year student in Physiology
[Suné Hayward](#)

Departmental Prize

Best B Agric final-year student in Animal Production with an average above 70%
[Magdél Haasbroek](#)

Grassland Science**De Beers Merit Award**

The student in Grassland Science with the best achievement in Wildlife/ Wildlife Management
[Mari-Su De Villiers](#)

Grassland Society of Southern Africa Medal

The best BSc Agric student in Grassland Science with exceptional achievement in Grassland Science during the final year of study with a minimum of 70%
[Mari-Su De Villiers](#)

First National Bank Merit Award

The best BSc Agric final-year student in Grassland Science with the best continuous performance during all the years of study with a minimum of 70%
[Mari-Su De Villiers](#)

Wikus Voster Merit Award

Best postgraduate student in Grassland / Wildlife Sciences
[Casey Havenga](#)

Wildlife Ranching South Africa Merit Award

Best Applied Wildlife Production student, continuing his/her studies in Wildlife Production

[Chane Enslin](#)

ARCHITECTURE

South African Institute of Architects (SAIA) – Free State prizes

Best Architecture student in each year of study

First year of study

[Arran Wood](#)

Second year of study

[Vicko Venter](#)

Third year of study

[Nicola Smuts](#)

Fourth year of study

[Nicola Vollmer](#)

Fifth year of study

[Stephanus Diedericks](#)

South African Institute of Architects (SAIA) prize

Best Architecture student over the final two years of the Professional degrees

[Stephanus Diedericks](#)

South African Institute of Architects (SAIA): David Haddon prize

Best Architecture student in Professional Practice

[Janeske Doman](#)

Ora Joubert Theory Book Prize

Best Theory of Architecture student in the third year of study

[Nicola Smuts](#)

Leon Roodt Building Science Book prize

Best Building Science student for the BArch degree over all three years of study

[Altus Le Roux](#)

South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP) medal

Best Architecture student over five years of study

[Herlu Greeff](#)

Maitland Seaman prize

Best Masters student in Environmental Management 2018

[Loide Hausiko](#)

Best Masters student in Environmental Management 2019

[Suretha Ikking](#)

Centre for Environmental Management prize

Best mini-dissertation for Masters in Environmental Management 2018

[Tshamaano Nemurangoni](#)

Best mini-dissertation for Masters in Environmental Management 2019

[Suretha Ikking](#)

Dr Limpho Letsela prize

Best foreign African student for Masters in Environmental Management 2018

[Loide Hausiko](#)

Best foreign African student for Masters in Environmental Management 2019

[Priscilla Dinga](#)

Centre for Environmental Management prize

Best student in the Post Graduate Diploma in Integrated Water Management 2019

[Maria Oberholzter](#)

CHEMISTRY

Departmental prize

Best second-year student in Chemistry

[Siyanda Khoza](#)

Best third-year student in Chemistry

[Hannah van Dyk](#)

PPS Prize

Best honours student in Chemistry

[Glendin Swart](#)

Joe Leopoldt prize

Best MSc student in Chemistry

[Tankiso Ngake](#)

Bruker prize

Best PhD student in Chemistry

Ahmed Ramadan

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND INFORMATICS

PPS cash- prize

Best honours project in Computer Science and Informatics

Susan van Zyl

Computer Science and Informatics cash prize

Top achiever in Basic and Advanced Computer Literacy

Driaan-Lou Kemp

Computer Science and Informatics cash prizes

Best first-year student in Computer Science and Informatics

Anna Schoombie

Best second-year student in Computer Science and Informatics

Rebaone Phuthi

Best third-year student in Computer Science and Informatics

Abraham Du Plooy

Best first-year student in Computer Information Systems

William Boltman

Best second-year student in Computer Information Systems

Rebaone Phuthi

Best third-year student in Computer Information Systems

Sibongile Mabaso

CONSUMER SCIENCE

Free State Women's Agricultural Union (FSWAU) prize

Final year student in Consumer Science with the best performance through all the years of study

Esmaré Olivier

Beth Erlank prize

Final year student in Consumer Science with the best performance in Clothing

Calista Von Wielligh

GENETICS

Hofmeyer van Schaik medal

Best honours student in Genetics

[Ilke Meintjies](#)

PPS prize

Best overall honours student in the Department of Genetics

[Ilke Meintjies](#)

Roné Vorster de Wet trophy

Best third-year Physiology student(s)

[Jessica Gebhard & Lené Schutte](#)

GEOGRAPHY

Department of Geography prize

Best first-year student in Geography

[Karabelo Majela](#)

Best second-year student in Geography

[Ayanda Dlodla](#)

Best third-year student in Geography

[Moleboheng Pherane](#)

JS Le Roux prize

Best honours student in Geography

[Kristen Nienaber](#)

Best honours student in Geography

[Bernardus Bosman](#)

GEOLOGY

Impala Platinum prize

Best first-year student in Geology continuing with their second-year of study

[Siphokazi Madaka](#)

Wiley Book prize

Best first-year student in Geology continuing with their second-year of study

[Siphokazi Madaka](#)

PPS prize

Best second-year student in Geology continuing with their third-year of study
[Marizanne Van Ede](#)

Exxaro Resources Limited prize

Best third-year student in Geology continuing with an honours degree in Geology
[Thapelo Lepolesa](#)

Departmental prize

Best third-year student in Geology continuing with an honours degree in Geology
[Thapelo Lepolesa](#)

INSTITUTE FOR GROUNDWATER STUDIES

IGS Dux Student prize

Best MSc student in Geohydrology
[Awodwa Magingi](#)

MATHEMATICS AND APPLIED MATHEMATICS

CB van Wyk prize

Best first-year student in Mathematics and Applied Mathematics
[Marinda le Roux](#)

Best second-year student in Mathematics and Applied Mathematics
[Mari van Schalkwyk](#)

Best third-year student in Mathematics and Applied Mathematics
[Philip Schall](#)

MATHEMATICAL STATISTICS AND ACTUARIAL SCIENCE

Department of Mathematical Statistics and Actuarial Science prize

Statistics

Best first-year student in Statistics
[Nadine Mottian](#)

Best second-year student in Statistics
[Bianca Steyn](#)

Best third-year student in Statistics
[Khanyisile Kumbi](#)

Business Calculations

Best first-year student in Business Calculations

Jessica Bakken

Mathematical Statistics

Best first-year student in Mathematical Statistics

Anne-Mien Schoombie

Best second-year student in Mathematical Statistics

Franco Marais

Best third-year student in Mathematical Statistics

Laenita Laubscher

MICROBIAL, BIOCHEMICAL AND FOOD BIOTECHNOLOGY

Departmental Prizes

Best third-year student in Microbiology who obtained a minimum of 70% average in Microbiology in the final year of study

Chantel Struwig

Best third-year student in Biochemistry with a minimum of 70% average in the final year

Chantel Struwig

ICA International Chemicals prize

Best honours student in Microbiology with a minimum of 70% average

Gunther Staats

Inqaba Biotec prize

Best honours student in Biochemistry with a minimum of 70% average

Marko Marinkov

JP van der Walt prize

Best MSc dissertation in yeast science

Marnus du Plooy

Reliable Diagnostic Supplies prize

Best MSc dissertation in Microbiology/Microbial Biotechnology

Milton Mogotsi

The Scientific Group prize

Best MSc dissertation in Biochemistry

[Gerhard Potgieter](#)

South African Society of Dairy Technology (SASDT) prize

Best final-year student in Dairy Science

[Chenelle Burger](#)

PHYSICS

Siemens prizes

The second-year student with the best achievement in Physics during the first year of study with an average of 80%

[Bernard Avenant](#)

The third-year student with the best achievement in Physics during the second year of study with an average of 85%

[Kayleigh Lewis](#)

Departmental prize

The student with the best achievement in Physics during the third year of study with an average of 86%

[Venuschké Struwig](#)

The student with the best achievement in Electronics during the year with an average of 82%

[Johané Odendaal](#)

The student with the best achievement in Solid State Physics during the year with an average of 97%

[Venuschké Struwig](#)

The student with the best achievement in Astrophysics during the year with an average of 89%

[Joleen Els](#)

PLANT SCIENCES

Botany

Botanical Society of South Africa (Free State Branch) prizes

Best second-year student in Botany

[Jo Cobbold](#)

Best honours student in Botany
Emma Ferreira

Van Schaik prize
Best third-year student in Botany
Carlo Visser

Plant Pathology

Plant Pathology prize
Best final-year student in Plant Pathology
Habofano Fosa

Plant Pathology Incentive prize
Lineo Maphobole

Plant Breeding

South African Plant Breeders Association (SAPBA) prize
Best second-year student in Plant Breeding
Jenna Vos

Best third-year student in Plant Breeding
Charnè Viviers

Best fourth-year student in Plant Breeding
Robert Coertzen

Plant Breeding prize
Best MSc student in Plant Breeding
Tondani Mishasha

Best PhD student in Plant Breeding
Ntombokulunga Mbuma

QUANTITY SURVEYING AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

The Association of South African Quantity Surveyors prizes
Best Quantity Surveying student in each year of study

Best honours student
Anrich Stoman

Best third-year student
Christopher Grivas

Best second-year student
Marcel Engelbrecht

Best first-year student
Yolande de Beer

Bell John prize

Best all-round year student in any year of study (Quantity Surveying)
Yolande de Beer

PPS prize

Best honours student in the programme BSc honours Quantity Surveying
Anrich Stoman

Best honours student in the programme BSc honours Construction Management
Lucinda van Copenhagen

Departmental prizes

Best second-year student in BSc. Construction Management
Zonja Stapelberg

Best student in the Honours Research Project in the Quantity Surveying Programme
Mariska Karsten

SOIL, CROP AND CLIMATE SCIENCES

Agrometeorology Prize

Best 4th -year student in Agrometeorology
Annie Koalane

Agronomy Prize

Best final year in Crop Production SASCP award for best academic performer
Wian Visser

Soil Science Society of South Africa medal

Best final-year student in Soil Science
Rachel Rossouw

Omnia Fertilizer Merit Award

Best final year student in Crop Production

Wian Visser

URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

Departmental prize

Best student honours student

Nonhlanhla Maphoso

Best Masters student

Carolyn Reynolds

ZOOLOGY AND ENTOMOLOGY

Zeiss Honours prize

Best honours student in Zoology

Aneke Kruger

Zoological Society of Southern Africa prize

Best third-year student in Zoology

Christoffel De Lange

Best honours student in Zoology

Aneke Kruger

Departmental prize

Best second-year student in Entomology

Khanyisa Majaja

Clinvet International prize

Best third-year student in Zoology

Christoffel De Lange

Best third-year student in Entomology

Roshay Smith

PROFESSIONAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY (PPS) PRIZES

Best BSc honours student (average 89.76%)

Elize Ferreira

Best BSc student (average 91 %) who continues with honours studies

Hannah van Dyk

Best B Consumer Science student (average 82.52 %)

Esmaré Olivier

KOVSIE-ALUMNI TRUST AWARDS

Best BSc student (3-year curriculum)

Philip Schall

Best BSc Agric student (4-year curriculum)

Suné Hayward

Best B Consumer Science student

Esmaré Olivier

DEAN'S AWARD

Best undergraduate student in the Faculty who obtained the degree with distinction

Philip Schall



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