

NEWS



Upcoming Events

- JHB Alumni Social - 11 May
- Voices of Change Leader-cast - 22 June
- Alumni Breakfast - 11 November
- Alumni Achiever Awards - 24 November

Graduation Ceremonies

- George - 8 April
- PE - 12 - 21 April

Executive Meetings

- 19 April
- 23 May - AGM
- 4 August
- 15 September
- 3 November

Reunions

- Hockey Reunion - 21 May
- Rugby Reunion - 19 & 20 August
- Athletics Reunion - 5 November

DVD and brochure launch part of social Successful PE Alumni Social



ALUMNI ... The Parshotam sisters (from left) Meera, Nalini, Anita and Praveena were among the 300 guests who attended the PE Chapter Social function recently. Alumni and their partners gathered to socialise, network and witness the launch of both the Alumni DVD and brochure.

NELSON Mandela Metropolitan University's Alumni Relations Office and the PE Alumni Chapter hosted a jazz and cocktail evening recently.

The event took place at Madibaz Café (old UPE staff Kraal) on South Campus recently.

The event was also used to launch the Alumni Relations DVD and brochure.

Over 300 alumni and friends attended the social. It gave alumni the opportunity to learn more about the chapter and its objectives.

The guests were entertained by three solo

singers and local jazz band Wesley Keet.

At this event NMMU Dean of Students, Thoft Soga was honoured with a gift from the Alumni Relations Office before his retirement at the end of April.

The Chairperson of the PE Alumni Chapter, Adv Shuaib Rahim said: "The social was a great opportunity for alumni to get together, catch up with peers, have fun and reconnect with the institution."

He added that it was an opportunity to find out how alumni can contribute to NMMU's Vision 2020. The social is one of many events that the Alumni Relations Office hosts throughout the year.

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Laughs, untold stories, unforgettable memories of university life

Accountants come to Re-unite

THE new year started on an interesting note, with an Accounting reunion for graduates from 1965-1990 in January.

The well - attended function, hosted by the Legacy Directorate together with the Alumni Relations Office, had past students reminiscing about their good old varsity days.

NMMU's VIP lounge on South Campus provided a suitable venue for the 60 - plus alumni who spent the evening laughing and talking.

The aim of these reunions is to meet graduates, create opportunities for friends to get together and for graduates to reconnect with their alma mater.

"Our work never ends but only continues to write in the chapters that are life time," said Alumni Relations Coordinator Santosh Ramadu.

The Legacy Directorate and Alumni Relations Office will be hosting a hockey reunion in May, rugby reunion in August and athletics reunion in November.



ACCOUNTING ALUMNI ... Alumni joined Executive Dean : Faculty of Business and Economic Sciences, Prof Niekie Dorfling (back row fourth) and Legacy Director, Prof Kotie Grove (back row sixth) at the Accounting Reunion (1965 - 1990) held in January at the NMMU VIP Lounge. 60 - plus alumni attended the event.

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Message from the Editor

NMMU Alumni Relations welcomes you to yet another exciting year.

We hope you are as enthusiastic about 2011 as we are.

This year promises to be an exhilarating one filled with new and challenging projects to, better our university.

As we strive towards excellence, we hope we have your support in all our tasks ahead.

With all that said, our team is already off to an electrifying year.

In January the Legacy Directorate together with the Alumni Office, hosted an Accounting Reunion.

Many former graduates attended this function proving that NMMU has made a great difference in their lives and that they are still willing to stay in touch and be involved with our university.

Changes are still taking place around our office, with new staff being added to our diverse team.

The Student Alumni Society is up and

ready to face this years challenges with loads of activities planned 2011.

They continue to bring about awareness surrounding what we, as the Alumni Office, do and what we aim to achieve this year and into the future.

Graduation is coming up and we share in all our graduates joy and happiness as when they walk across the stage.

We are proud of our Alumni who fly the NMMU banner high.

Please let us know about all your achievements.

Please update us on any interesting news and do share your views and stories.

What have you been up to this year?

Warm NMMU regards
Liscka Welcome



Jozaffe calls the shots in cosmetics

“We can only inspire by building relationships that will enhance the reputation of the graduates from NMMU and encourage others to do the same,” says Lyndon Jozaffe, Director: Operations at Elizabeth Arden.

Lyndon, who has three NMMU qualifications - degrees in Chemistry, Quality Assurance and an MBA - is now in charge of the supply chain function of Elizabeth Arden from counter sales to production including national retail sales, supply chain and factory operations.

He started out as an analytical chemist intern at Aspen Pharmacare, climbing the ranks to group leader in the production department to operations leader, then as factory manager responsible for the oral solid dose facility, with more than 200 employees.

Lyndon felt a strong need to diversify and enhance his portfolio and so he resigned from Aspen Pharmacare to pursue a career in sales as the general manager at Express Employment Professional in Port Elizabeth.

It was here that he was approached by Elizabeth Arden to head up their retail sales, supply chain and factory facilities in Cape Town.

Achieving big things by applying simple tactics is Lyndon's driving force in life.

“I have always been an individual that seeks to exceed expectations.”

“Basic disciplines play a significant role in both family and career and maintaining a balance between the two is often critical to this success,” he says.

Lyndon believes it is important for alumni to have a central point of contact that can provide effective communication



Lyndon Jozaffe - Director: Operations at Elizabeth Arden and graduate of NMMU.

and provide the creation of networks and business opportunities.

“This enables alumni to strengthen ties between themselves and the university. At the same time, it encourages one to make a difference.”

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Lyndon hopes to elevate the operational effectiveness of his teams in order to grow the brand and market share within the cosmetics industry.

“Students and graduates must accept that continuous learning is part and parcel of an evolving career.

“To effectively achieve your goals you must accept that learning through others and their experiences is part of the learning package.”

He feels that you should never lose sight of your goals and accept that the path to success is paved with obstacles that will not only test, but build the character and attributes that are required to achieve planned successes.

“Character does not form part of the degree or qualification, character is enhanced by the continuous learning curve, leverage the effects.”

News Briefs

Graduate electrifies judges

BTECH Electrical Engineering student Clement Venter took first place in the 2010 SA Institute for Electrical Engineering (SAIEE) National Student Project Paper presentation competition last year.

His project investigating voltage transformers used for tariff metering of medium and high voltage loads and guidelines for its application impressed for its overall high standard.

Designs celebrates culture

Alumnus and BTech Textile Design student and recent winner of the London's Society of Dyer's and Colourists award, Laduma Ngxokolo, presented his work to the International Design Indaba conference in Cape Town this year.

His proudly South African work, was nominated for MBOISA – Most Beautiful Object In South Africa. His work will now be displayed in both Paris and Milan later this year.

New MACE Chairperson

PIETER Swart, Marketing and Corporate Relations Director, has been elected as the Chairperson of MACE (Marketing, Advancement and Communication in Education) for the next two years.

He has been on the executive for a number of years and chairperson twice before.

Pieter also serves on the Alumni Association Executive Committee.

Madibaz Cricket team in top form

MADIBAZ Cricket is enjoying an incredible two - year run, having won three of four national championship titles on offer.

In 2009 they won the National Club Championships followed by the National United Schools Sport Association (USSA) title.

The following year Madibaz narrowly missed out at the Club championships but successfully defended their USSA title earning them three of the four top titles.

This year the team convincingly defended their local NMBCB League title, despite many players consistently called up for provincial duty.

Winning the league earns the Madibaz the honour of representing Eastern Province at the National Club Championship later this year.

Credit goes to Club Manager Riaan Osman and Head Club Coach Shafiek Abrahams, who recently passed on coaching duties to



TOPS ... NMMU Toshiba Cricket is in top form following an incredible two year run after winning three of four national championship titles

alumnus Baakier Abrahams. Baakier is also the Alumni Relations Officer : Internal

Stakeholders and manages the NMMU Shop.

NMMU University Shop is more than a retail store

After six years in existence, the University Shop is more than just a retail store.

By encouraging staff, students and alumni to purchase NMMU branded clothing and corporate gifts, the University Shop promotes and builds our vibrant brand.

Not only has the interior of the shop undergone a "facelift" but it has another friendly face - Wendy Scheepers.

Wendy, previously the welcoming face at the Embizweni Info Kiosk, has been involved with NMMU for nine years.

"This is a new challenge for me, I'm learning and will grow in this position," says Wendy, the shop's new assistant.

As part of the rebranding phase of the University Shop, six life-size snapper frames have been erected in - store.

A concerted effort was made to use NMMU students and alumni wearing NMMU branded items to show support for their institutional brand.

Wendy has taken over from Lyree Boucher, who was the shop intern in 2010 and subsequently appointed as an Alumni Relations assistant in 2011. Lyree is still based at the shop and offers relief support during busy times.

Alumni Relations Officer and University Shop Manager Baakier Abrahams says he is delighted with the calibre of his staff and the additions are sure to improve customer service and guarantee service with a smile.

Competition Time

To be in line to win one of ten NMMU sling bags, answer the following question:

Question: What is sold at the University Shop?

Email or fax the correct answer, along with your name, surname, telephone number and your postal address to us by 30 April 2011.

Draw Date: 1 May 2011.

E-mail: shop@nmmu.ac.za

Fax: 041 504 1851 (LB)



WELCOMING FACES ... Alumni Relations Assistant Lyree Boucher welcomed the new Shop Assistant Wendy Scheepers (front), to the University Shop team.

Alumni Director chairs Commonwealth Universities' marketing network

NELSON Mandela Metropolitan University Alumni Relations Director Paul Geswindt is the new Chairperson of the Association for Commonwealth Universities' (ACU) PR, Marketing and Communications Network.

The ACU PR, Marketing and Communications Network was launched in 2003 and currently has over 400 members across 300 institutions on six continents.

The network is open to communications professionals in all ACU member organisations and provides a practical channel through which members can exchange experiences, share good practice, and keep abreast of current thinking.

"It is an honour for me to be chairperson, but I also see this as confidence in NMMU and its

vision to be a dynamic African university. I can further share this on the international stage," said Mr Geswindt.

"Part of my vision is to increase institutional membership; create more networking and sharing opportunities among members using ICT tools and to promote better understanding between cultures.

I believe this will add value to internationalisation of higher education and create a more vibrant global higher education village.

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Mr Geswindt, who was previously the senior marketing manager at NMMU, has presented papers at three

ACU conferences in Toronto, Durban and in Melbourne and where he also headed up a PR Directors Debate Team against HR



Paul Geswindt: Director: Alumni Relations

Directors focusing on effective internal communication in organisations.

Mr Geswindt is only the second chairperson of the ACU PR Network taking over from Peter Reader from the UK.

Student Alumni Society promotes Alumni



STUDENT AMBASSADORS ... SAS executive members Thomas Terblanche, Moirick Israel, Luyanda Gwiji, Candice Demi Williams, Litha Rwehana and Sonnetta Human (SAS Chairperson) are actively involved in promoting, bringing about awareness, development and outreach activities to "young alumni" (undergraduates).

Alumni Social draws in crowd



Over 300 alumni and their partners attended this year's PE Alumni Chapter social that was held at Madibaz Café on South Campus recently. Of the guests who attended were, (photo 1) Alumni and PE Chapter executive members, Arnold Van Niekerk and Sasha Hatherly (photo 2) NMMU graduates Nwabisa Mgidlana, Babalwa Oliphant and Bongiwe Manciya (photo 3) alumni Algene van Boomen and Clinton van Boomen, and (photo 4) graduates Simlindlele Manqina from NMMU Student Governance & Development and Monalisa Ndwayana from NMMU International Office.

