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A message from the Vice Chancellor

Welcome to the final edition of the CPUT Alumni Newsletter for 2013.

As many of you know, my term as VC of the CPUT is coming to an end. As of Jan 2014, Dr Nevhutalu will assume his new role as VC. This only serves to emphasise the crucial point of my last communique to you as Alumni of this institution.

While senior executives and academic staff of the University come and go and commercial partnerships and affiliations expire, graduates of an institution remain so for life.

As Alumni you are the largest

group, and the only permanent constituency of the university.

As such, I wish to congratulate you on your great achievements and appeal to you to continue to support the university as we strive toward greater things.

As we look towards a 2014 with the very strong foundations we have laid this year – we urge all of you, to help us and support us, through continued advocacy for CPUT, through the donation of your time, effort, expertise and finances to CPUT; and through your continued support for the University in general.

I'm truly proud to have served as



your VC since the merger. Thank you for the cherished memories each of you has helped to create. Wishing you and your loved ones a

blessed and safe festive season.

Thank you
Prof LV Mazwi-Tanga

Warmest wishes to all our alumni across South Africa, Africa and the world.

Many thanks to the hundreds of alumni who attended the year-end celebration. To those too far away to make it – your time is coming!

Speaking at the event, Alumni Association chairperson, **Jeff Daniels**, confirmed that similar gatherings are being planned by the AA and the regional chapters for next year.

In this, our 3rd and final newsletter of 2013, we're showcasing the roaring success of the CPUT Alumni Year End Event, a fitting celebration of the historic firsts we've achieved this year.

Among those firsts was the launch of F'sati's Nano-sat... but more on that later.

"If 2013 was a year of laying solid foundations, 2014 is all about mobilizing our alumni's vast skills, professional resources, networks and goodwill," says Jeff.



The evening saw KFM Breakfast Show sports anchor **Jeremy Harris**, himself an alumnus of the CPUT, keeping the crowds entertained with anecdotes from his student days and raffling off a series of prizes to boost the coffers of the CPUT Bursary Fund.

Raffle prize winners **Andisiwe Ntoni** and **Siphiwo Klaas**, who won the weekend for two at the Point Of View Villas in Sunset Beach.

"Everything about the evening was so wonderful, and even more so when we won the prize of a weekend getaway. We can't wait for next year to redeem and enjoy this amazing prize!"



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was raised through the support of the various raffles – a real boost for the Bursary Fund which helps deserving students finance their futures.



Huge thanks to our sponsors

Pernod Ricard, The Double-Tree Hilton Hotel, Louise Bowley, The Table Bay Hotel and The Point of View Villas, who made the raffles possible, boosting the coffers of the CPUT Bursary Fund.

A full run-down of who won what, with photos, can be found [here](#).

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/0hxp1o8er239is/Raffle%20prize%20winners.docx>

We were thrilled to be joined by **Dewald Lourens**, whom we profiled in our last newsletter, who trekked all the way from Mossel Bay. This wise man from the east came bearing gifts – what else but some delicious pilchards caught and produced by his fishing company.



Dewald (right), shared news of his talented daughter **Marizanne** (left), also a CPUT graduate and entrepreneur of note.

We loved hearing how this dynamite father/daughter combination are both proud alumni – read more about Marizanne's story [here](#).

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/oi5ejqo77rhamgo/Marizanne%20Kellerman.docx>

(And if you've a similar tale of how CPUT has nurtured generations of your family, don't hesitate to let us know.)



We mentioned it was a year of firsts – and in a truly ground-breaking achievement on the very morning of the year-end alumni bash, CPUT had successfully launched the first Nano-satellite ever to be produced by a university in South Africa and indeed, the entire continent of Africa.

Tshepiso (or “promise” as the satellite has been called) is the product of 18 months of painstaking labour by some 40 CPUT post-graduate students studying in the Satellite Systems Engineering Program at CPUT's French South African Institute of Technology.

(F'SATI) Tshepiso orbits the earth 15 times a day at an altitude of 600 kilometres, and provides weather data from the earth's atmosphere to the South African National Space Agency.



Pat Raolane, who won the night at the Doubletree Hilton expressed his thanks to all the stakeholders involved.

“This is the first time in my life I've won a competition, so I think it's a sign of better things to come. I was also happy to hear of future networking events and provincial activities, and impressed at the development of the Alumni Association and regions. Nothing can explain the joy and the fun I had on this evening!”

One of the evening's raffle prizes came courtesy of alumnus and artist, **Louise Bowley**. A hospitality management graduate, now teaching English to foreign students.

Louise & **Andiswa Mali** (Vice-Chair of AA) were classmates at Sans Souci and are now active members of the AA – quite a history for these two committed alumni.



MANY THANKS TO OUR HARD-WORKING AND COMMITTED TASK TEAM COORDINATORS WHO JOINED US

Phumi Mayongo from Gauteng and **Charity Gaosenkwe** from the Northern Cape sadly couldn't make it – but our 4 other coordinators, **Michelle Mbaco** from the Eastern Cape, **Menesia Muinjo** from Namibia, **Charlotte Van Wyk** from the Free State and **Thabang Bogale** from the WC were out in full force.

Michelle Mbaco says, *“It was wonderful to meet and engage with other Chapter co-ordinators. The professionalism and the caring attitude of the Alumni staff made the trip a very pleasant one. Many thanks to Valerie for making the trip to Cape Town so memorable as well. I'm sure that with our collective wisdom and efforts the CPUT family and supporters will take the institution to greater heights.”*



Michelle is pictured here with **Ayanda Maphumulo**.

All the photos of this stunning evening are here on our Facebook page – no need to be a member of Facebook to view the pics, but why not “like us” or add us as a friend – it's just one more way we're able to bring you career-enhancing news and info.

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.735529576475037.1073741835.176868619007805&type=1>

Proud alumni at the gathering cheered when the VC spoke of how CPUT's research output is contributing to growth and development in South Africa and beyond.

“One of the promises we made to ourselves as a young university of technology, was that promoting research was not enough if it does not lead to innovation, building human capital and job creation. A significant amount of our research outputs are now being properly guided to market, creating the potential for new industry to develop.”

This magnificent achievement by

the CPUT's post-grad students is but one of many our students are encouraged to make.

2nd year Architecture student, **Uriah Cloete**, who won the Top Service Learning Medal 2013, is about to enter the third year of his course.

Uriah praised his mentor and architecture second year service learning co-ordinator, **Desmond Jackson** (right), saying *“I'm*



honoured to be part of the CPUT, with its passionate focus on highlighting the importance of technology. I enjoyed the alumni event because they recognised student's efforts, congratulating the students for producing South Africa's first Nano satellite and emphasised the university's commitment to engage with the community.”

WE URGE YOU TO JOIN US AS WE CONTINUE TO RAISE FRIENDS AND FUNDS IN 2014

Together, we can arm as many bright young minds as possible with the blessing of an education.

For more information on how to support the Alumni Association or Bursary Fund, please contact Alumni Officers **Valerie Deelman** or **Francois Jooste** – and read up on our guidelines for alumni everywhere to truly make a difference to our great country and continent.

<http://bit.ly/1f3XJdp>

Finally – yes, we did promise to have a name for the newsletter by this stage – as voted by you!

But we've a quite amazing situation on our hands in which the two firm favourites are locked in a tie with equal votes!

Watch this space for more.

From all at the Advancement Department of the CPUT, we wish you a summer break filled with peace and joy.