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Welcome

I'm Jan Weintrob, editor of this newsletter and Communications Officer at CPUT's Advancement Department. As the name suggests, we're tasked with the overall advancement of the university, helping to position the CPUT at the heart of technology education and innovation in Africa. To put it simply, we raise funds and secure support, in cash or kind, for the betterment of all who learn and teach here. Our alumni play a critical role in this support and we hope this newsletter fosters a sense of cohesion, loyalty and pride amongst you.

It's been a year of firsts for the university, with the launch of the Alumni Association topping our agenda. This historic occasion was followed by regional launches of Alumni chapters in the Eastern, Western and Northern Cape, Free State, Namibia and Gauteng. Building on the *pride, passion and commitment* shown at these events, we're delighted

to be bringing you this, the first of our "new-look" updates, to showcase the *excellence, innovation and advancement* happening at your Alma Mater.

This is your forum, and we urge you to take ownership of it. Your thoughts, queries, and comments are warmly welcomed and encouraged. Let your fellow alumni know about your achievements – inspire us with your tales of success. Your input is vital in building this important community. We're confident that by doing so, scholarship, knowledge and development in our country and continent will surely follow.

So here's your first challenge, alumni!

What do you think this e-publication should be called? The "CPUT Alumni Telegraph", perhaps? Or something simple and direct like "Alumni News"? Or maybe local is indeed lekker, and you know a catchy word or phrase in one of our 11 languages that best captures the skills, talent and *"voornam"* of a CPUT graduate?

Be creative, be inspired!

A selection of the best suggestions will be put to your vote in our next edition, due in late September. Send suggestions to me at weintrobj@cput.ac.za before 31 August 2013. No prizes this time, just the opportunity to have your creative vision *immortalised* for tens of thousands of fellow alumni to see in each newsletter to come.

In each edition of your newsletter, we'll be bringing you news of our latest fundraising achievements and initiatives – and will be highlighting the progress of each regional chapter and the AA executives' efforts in this regard.



Talent, dreams and drive, indeed! Share yours by staying in touch and joining us on our mission. Alumni Officers Nandi Madadasana, Francois Jooste and Valerie Deelman (above) are just a phone call or email away.

Historic launch of Alumni Association boosts image of CPUT

As mentioned, the biggest happening on our calendar this year was the launch of the CPUT's first ever Alumni Association. Read all about it [here](http://bit.ly/16jCH9R) (<http://bit.ly/16jCH9R>). At the launch, the 5 newly-elected members of the AA executive committee were introduced. Jeff Daniel is the chairperson, while Andiswa Mali is serving as the deputy chair. Read more about all 5 members [here](http://bit.ly/1cB55HK) (<http://bit.ly/1cB55HK>). These busy professionals subsequently helped host the launches of the 6 regional chapters, in Johannesburg (pictured), Cape Town, Kimberley, Windhoek, Port Elizabeth and Bloemfontein. These were smaller, more informal gatherings where alumni met to exchange ideas and volunteer their time and skills to grow the chapters. Each chapter now has several task-team champions, who'll be doing just that in the weeks and months to come. They'll be helping to co-ordinate various drives to raise funds and friends for the CPUT. You can find all their targets and projects [here](http://bit.ly/17oWkc0) (<http://bit.ly/17oWkc0>).



Above Gauteng alumni gathered in Johannesburg in May to chart the way forward.

Meet the Task Teams

More info about the task team members for the 6 regional chapters can be found [here](http://bit.ly/19syq5Y) (<http://bit.ly/19syq5Y>), along with the email addresses of the coordinators for each region. Please feel free to get in touch with them to join your local chapter. You can view more pictures of the chapter launches, and add us a friend on [Facebook](http://on.fb.me/1a47p8t) (<http://on.fb.me/1a47p8t>).

New Developments at CPUT ...

Another hugely exciting development was the **launch** of our **Alumni Entrepreneurship Forum**. This aims to further alumni **business** development through networking events, and **strengthen links** (<http://bit.ly/14Lj6zB>), between current students, alumni, the CPUT and bursary fundraising.

In other news, our **corporate website** (<http://www.cput.ac.za/>) got a **glamorous makeover** recently – if you haven't visited in a while, it's well worth a squizz. And this hot off the press – the CPUT has a **new Vice Chancellor Designate** (<http://bit.ly/17oWDVg>), who'll assume his duties as Vice Chancellor at the **start of 2014**.

Talking "Bizz" with Transnet



Above AA Chair Jeff Daniels, Transnet's General Manager: Export Iron Ore and Manganese, Lloyd Tobias and Mrs Tobias at the inaugural Bizz Talk.

The [Transnet Bizz Talk](http://bit.ly/16aPysn) (<http://bit.ly/16aPysn>), the first in a series of planned events, was a smash hit. Guests attended in their hundreds to hear Transnet's Lloyd Tobias (pictured, centre) talk about business opportunities at the parastatal. We'll be sure to keep you posted on the dates of further Bizz Talks – truly valuable networking and career-enhancing events.

Alumni Making us Proud!

And finally – our high-flying alumni are making waves across the nation. In this edition we link to South Africa's most prestigious newspaper, the Mail and Guardian. No less than 5 of our alumni appear in their annual 200 Young South Africans honours list – an illustrious barometer of the ones to watch. In the paper's own words, "Each year we find 200 young people, aged 35 and under, who were born here or have made SA their home, and who are full of talent, dreams and drive." Read about two such stars, [Irma Titus](http://bit.ly/1cTHsVR) (<http://bit.ly/1cTHsVR>) and [Sibahle Mtongana](http://bit.ly/12tqiMY) (<http://bit.ly/12tqiMY>).



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