

ALUMNI

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Welcome

Connection" is the way to go. This was a popular choice with several other alumni too - Vusi Magagula from the Ekurhuleni municipality likes "Alumni Connect" as does John Kangowa from the Namibia Polytechnic.

Shinaz Rykklief from Old Mutual suggested the name "CPUT Alumni Wrap", while Kholelwa Konzani from Eskom is quite the poet - nominating no less than four names - "CPUT Legends", "Moja Movers", "Inspire the Inspirer", and "Unlimited Dreams"!

Zonwabele Xakekile suggests "Iruke" or "Indaba Zethu" and Precious Gowases says she likes "Alumni Voomah" as it symbolises the drive and passion of our graduates.

Lucille Muller from the Good Hope subcouncil was very practical with her choice - "Alumni News" as was Siphon Sangweni from Eskom

who likes "Cape Pen Alumni Newsletter".

Hazel Mamase from The Foschini Group also came up with an interesting choice - "Alumni e-Ndaba".

"It sounds catchy and fresh and the "e" symbolises electronic news and the world of technology and reinforces that CPUT is at the heart of technology," says Hazel.

As we mentioned in our last newsletter - this is your forum, and we urge you to take ownership of it. Your thoughts, queries, and comments are warmly welcomed and encouraged. Please vote on the names suggested above! Send your votes to me at weintrobj@cput.ac.za

Enjoy your newsletter, until next time!

Jan

Warmest greetings to all the alumni of the CPUT as we bring you the second of our "new-look" updates, showcasing the excellence, innovation and advancement happening at your Alma Mater.

Thanks to all who responded to the challenge of naming this newsletter, we've had some excellent responses.

Japhta Maboko from Transnet suggests the title "Alumni Pronto", while Bongs Mvila says "Alumni Siyaconnecta" or "Alumni

**SAVE
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DATE!**

AN EXCLUSIVE CELEBRATION FOR ALL OUR ALUMNI IS TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2013 IN CAPE TOWN.

This night of joy and re-connection will raise funds for our Bursary Fund, see the symbolic handover of power from outgoing VC Prof Mazwi-Tanga to VC-Designate Dr Prins Nevhutalu and is also a chance to let our hair down after a busy, fulfilling and productive 2013.

More details will be sent out shortly, but start polishing those dancing shoes in the meantime.

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Nandi Madadasana, Francois Jooste and Valerie Deelman (below) are just a phone call or email away.





in other news...

Speaking of the VC-Designate, did you know he's an avid reggae-music fan? He also loves watching national and international games of soccer and cricket in his down-time.

Find out more about the CPUT's soon-to-be new leader here...

<http://www.cput.ac.za/about/leadership/vc-designate>

Bitly link - <http://bit.ly/lzXKKW>

One of the highlights of the last quarter was Spring graduation, where 695 certificates were conferred, along with 36 Masters and 11 Doctorate degrees.

Spring Grad recognises the work of students who graduated at the end of the first semester and post-grad students who submitted thesis' after April.



Read more about our latest alumni here...

<http://www.cput.ac.za/newsroom/news/article/2448/proud-moments-at-spring-graduation>

Bitly link - <http://bit.ly/1cgKZjF>



And finally, we're always delighted when alumni ask us to help them re-connect with old classmates or former lecturers and professors.

"Thank you Dr Engelbrecht for the potential you saw in me and for the huge difference this made in my life!"

One such request recently came from Dewald Lourens, Managing Director of Afro-Fishing.

Dewald was 20 years old in 1979, when his application to study Mechanical Engineering at the then Cape Technikon was rejected as he didn't have science as a Matric subject. But he was adamant that this was his path, so after pleading his case to the

Dean, Dr Louis Engelbrecht, Dewald embarked on the massive undertaking of studying Science at Technical College by night, while studying Mechanical Engineering full-time at Cape Tech by day.

If his marks in Science dropped below 80%, Dr Engelbrecht would have thrown him out of his Mech Eng studies without further ado.

But Dewald passed with a mark of 100%, then went on to obtain

his Higher Diploma in Mechanical Engineering.

By the age of 32 he was appointed Group Technical Director at an international group of companies and spent many years overseas in various projects and subsidiaries around the globe.

Seven years ago, Dewald started his own company which now employs over 400 people.

He wrote to us to ask for Dr Engelbrecht's contact details as he never had a chance to thank him for the opportunity that he gave him as a young man.

We subsequently put the pair in touch, and as Dewald said in his email to us, "Thank you Dr Engelbrecht for the potential you saw in me and for the huge difference this made in my life!"