



## This Week AT FORT HARE

*Your weekly e-bulletin  
1st Edition*

### UFH APPOINTS TWO WOMEN DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLORS (DVCs)

The University of Fort Hare is pleased to announce the appointment of two highly experienced scholars and executive managers as Deputy Vice-Chancellors.

Professor Renuka Vithal assumed the role of Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs on 1st August and Professor Nokwethemba Ndlazi started on 1st September as the new Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Institutional Support. Both positions became vacant at the beginning of 2018.

The University of Fort Hare is excited to have attracted such high-calibre executives. "We have no doubt they will contribute immensely to the growth of our iconic institution", said Prof Sakhela Buhlungu, Vice-Chancellor.



**PROFESSOR RENUKA VITHAL**  
DVC-ACADEMIC AFFAIRS



**PROFESSOR NOKWETHEMBA NDLAZI**  
DVC-INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT



## UNIVERSITY OF FORT HARE STUDENTS SAY **NO!** TO GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

Hundreds UFH students, led by women, took to the streets last week to protest against the scourge of gender-based violence and femicide. This comes after the senseless murders of several women in the country, including University of Cape Town student Uyinene Mrwetyane and South African boxer and UFH alumni, Leighandre "Baby Lee" Jegels.

Clad in black, the students were joined by their peers from Walter Sisulu University and Buffalo City College. Singing struggle songs, the students marched in solidarity to the East London Magistrate's Court and the Fleet Street police station where they handed-over their memorandum of demands.

Students from the University's Alice campus also held a night vigil to pray for an end to gender-based violence.



## SENATORS ADOPT UFH SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE POLICY

Yesterday, 11th September, UFH senators unanimously agreed to adopt the Sexual Harassment and GBV Policy and recommended it for approval by Council. The decision was taken during a specially convened Senate meeting for the sole purpose of considering the policy.

This is a huge milestone for the university, given the spate of femicide cases in our country. Internally, we have had our own share of gender-based violence cases, and the adoption of this policy is an enabler in this regard. The consultation process took longer than anticipated, but the

university is pleased to have reached this stage. Every stakeholder view has been taken into consideration and that is a critical step for an important policy such as this one.

"We look forward to presenting the policy to Professor Loyiso Nongxa, Administrator and Council Representative, who fortunately, is on campus this week. We are fairly confident that the policy will be approved and become active in a matter of days", said an elated Professor Buhlungu.



## PROFESSOR THULI MADONSELA ROPES IN UFH ON “M-PLAN” FOR SOUTH AFRICA

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WITH THULI MADONSELA](#)

The University of Fort Hare has been selected by Professor Thuli Madonsela to form part of her M-Plan that seeks to address the shadows of the country's unjust past. The former public protector currently serves as the Law Faculty Trust Chair for Social Justice and Law Professor at the Stellenbosch University. She announced the M-Plan while speaking at an open lecture at the East London campus last week. The lecture was titled: ***Transformative Constitution Education and the complex shadow of our unjust past.*** The lecture which was hosted by the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Dr. Nombulelo Lubisi, drew a sizable student contingent who listened attentively to Prof Madonsela.

“As chairperson of the Social Justice Trust, we are coordinating a social justice project and we want Fort Hare, Wits University and the University of Free State to form part of the coordinating process.” People don't come in one size. The M-plan is a “multi-pronged strategy that is not a one-size-fits-all. It aims to place social justice and equality at the centre of fixing SA's multiple concurrent crises.” Prof Madonsela said the M-Plan was inspired by the Marshall Plan that served to reconstruct Europe after the Second World War.

“But this time, M is for (Palesa) Mosa, a woman who was arrested as a youth in 1976 and has lived through all our tumultuous times,” she said.

The M-Plan aims to mobilise evidence and data, boost civil society and mobilise resources behind a shared quest for social justice. In response Dr Lubisi said: “We are happy that, despite her busy schedule Prof Madonsela

prioritized the university and travelled all the way from Cape Town to deliver this address. In 2013, the university honoured the Prof Madonsela with a Doctors of Laws honorary Doctorate Degree, she is an alma mater now. In her lecture, the professor addresses some of the burning issues faced by the country's education sector, which she said are the result of the country's unjust past.”

“The shadow of our past is very long and complex. We could not have dealt with 350 years of colonialism in 25 years. Education in this country was good, education at Fort Hare was good, it produced intellectual giants such as Robert Mugabe and Nelson Mandela, until a deliberate decision was taken to under-resource Fort Hare,” said Madonsela.

Some of the challenges the Professor highlighted included, financial exclusion of students and historical debt. She made an example of the University of Pretoria student named Jackson, who was forced to sleep inside the university bathrooms after he was financially excluded.

Madonsela said the shadows of the past still existed, because the country's policies failed to address them.

“We need to ask ourselves why we still have cases of fees must fall and students sleeping in bathrooms. We need to formulate policies that will address these shadows,” she said.



## GAUTENG ALUMNI CHAPTER ACQUIRES ESTEEMED LUMINARIES TO MOBILIZE, NETWORK AND FUNDRAISE.

The University of Fort Hare's Gauteng Alumni Chapter, under the leadership of **Dr. Jongi Joseph Klass**, recently launched its Support Organ at the Palazzo Hotel in Fourways, Johannesburg. The organ consists of 24 very influential and notable alumni such as **Adv Dumisa Ntsebeza, Adv Thandi Orleyn, Prof Barney Pityana, Dr. Sizwe Nxasana, and Dr. Sisa Ngebulana**. The purpose of the support organ is to provide the required support to the university by mobilizing and networking to raise funds for the university. Their first task is to meet with the **Administrator Prof Loyiso Nongxa** and the **VC, Prof Buhlungu** to craft a progressive programme of action for the university.

Other support organs includes:

**Ambassador Sandile Nogxina; Ms Nolitha Fakude; Dr Simphiwe Madikizela; Adv Mkhabela Sibeko; Mr Ayanda Mjekula; Mr Silumko Sokupa; Ms Busi Ngwenya; Judge Justice Moloto ; Mr Sipho Pityana; Dr Khotso Mokhele; Dr Percy Mahlathi; Dr Sazi Kunene; Commissioner Tembinkosi Bonakele; Prof Nombeko Mpako; Mr JJ Njeke; Mr Mhleli Sibanyoni; Adv Mzukisi Mgxashe; Ms Nompumelelo Stamper and Adv Nomazotsho Memani.**





## 19 TRADITIONAL LEADERS GRADUATE FROM FORT HARE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME IN LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

The first class of traditional leaders who successfully completed the Leadership and Governance certificate programme offered at the University of Fort Hare (UFH) have graduated.

Through Fort Hare Solutions, the university held the inaugural graduation ceremony last month at the Miriam Makeba Centre of Performing Arts where 19 traditional leaders from the Eastern Cape were awarded their certificates.

The programme commenced in August 2018 last year and it is a fruition of talks that started a few years ago between the university's former vice-chancellor, Professor Mvuyo Tom and Chief Mavuso whose aim was to strengthen the institution of traditional leadership.

The talks were solidified when UFH was approached by the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) in the 2016/17 financial year to develop a training programme that will address the needs and issues of Traditional Leaders of the Eastern Cape.

The tailor-made programme offers six block sessions at the Fort Hare's Bhisho campus. It covers modules in history, heritage and ethics of traditional leadership. Leaders are taught about the legal and legislative aspects of traditional leadership, community development support and leadership development.

Public administration, financial management, interpersonal skills, self-management, and land, mineral and marine resources management also form part of the programme.

The graduation ceremony was attended by many dignitaries. These include COGTA MEC, MrXolile Nqata who delivered the keynote address, as well as Fort Hare Vice Chancellor, Prof Buhlungu who shared a message of support.

## **UFH WINS THE 2019 JUSTICE KATE O'REGAN INTERVARSITY MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

For the second year running, the University of Fort Hare is proud winner of the 2019 Kate O'Regan Intervarsity Moot Competition, held at the University of Cape Town. The aim of the competition is to gather law students from law schools in South Africa to compete against each other in written heads of argument and oral argument. This competition is particularly exciting because it aims to encourage students to grapple with legal topics outside of the core syllabus. This year, the topic focused on the 4th Industrial Revolution and Artificial Intelligence within the domain of intellectual property law.

The two UFH teams were represented by Miss Diana Murote, Miss Thando George, Miss Gugu Tom, Mr Halalisani Xulu and coached by Dr Tapiwa Shumba. Following very highly competitive qualifying rounds, both teams made it to semi finals. It was a good problem for the Coach, Dr Shumba, to be required to provide tips for both his two but now opposing teams on how to win against each other.

After a very close semi final contest against each other as confessed by the judges, the team of Miss Tom and Mr Xulu proceeded to the finals where the Judges "unanimously" decided their victory. This year's competition was presided over by former Justices of the constitutional court of South Africa; Justice Kate O'Regan, Justice Albie Sachs and other prestigious judges. Universities which participated include University of Cape Town, Stellenbosch University, University of the Free State, University of the Western Cape and others.

The Fort Hare community is most enthused by the high standard of academic prowess that our students continue to exhibit at both national and international level. The Faculty of Law and the Dean, Dr Lubisi, continue to deliberately foster Moot Court competitions as a way of encouraging students to develop and perfect their skills within an inclusive, inspiring and competitive environment.



## **UFH TOPS THE SAICA ITC EASTERN CAPE REGION**

The University of Fort Hare's Accounting Department is a top performer in the Eastern Cape Province. After a slight dip in performance in January, the department has reclaimed its spot among leaders in the field in June as evidenced by the overall 2019 South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA) Initial Test of Competence (ITC) results. The results are an improvement on the 2017 and 2018 results with Fort Hare achieving a pass rate of 94.4% which placed them in 1st position out of the three participating universities in the Eastern Cape Province and 7th nationally out of 16 participating institutions. The ITC is the first of the two professional exams that all prospective chartered accountants (CAs) have to write to qualify as CAs(SA), after finishing their fourth year (postgraduate diploma) at one of the 16 universities in South Africa, accredited by SAICA to present the final year of the CA qualification.

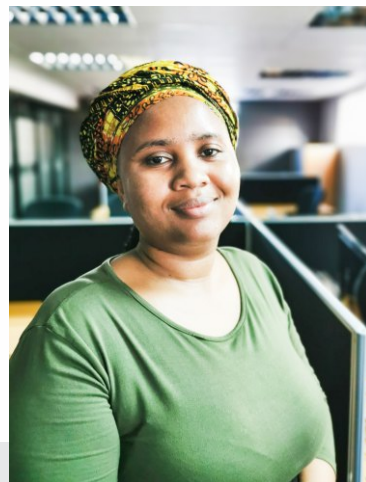
The first ITC is written in January of each year with a second ITC exam opportunity (the June ITC) given to students who either did not write in January or were not successful in completing the January ITC.

Congratulations and well done to both students and staff in the Faculty of Management and Commerce. Together in Excellence.

## **NEW TEAM MEMBERS AT** Institutional Advancement



**ASADUMA BALOYI**  
Communications Officer



**ARETHA LINDEN**  
Senior Journalist



**ALIDA MUNDELL**  
Senior Graphic Designer



**TIM WILSON**  
Web & Creative  
Specialist

# UPDATE ON MISSING STUDENT THANDOLWETHU ROSE NGOLO

by Institutional Advancement and Student Affairs Department

Unfortunately, there is still no clarity on Ms Ngolo's whereabouts although there have been unconfirmed reports of sightings in and around Tembisa Township in Johannesburg.

Earlier this week a team led by the Dean of students, Mr Malinge Gqeba, met with Ms Ngolo's father and aunt, at Rabie Ridge police station where two detectives have been assigned to the case. As can be expected, we are unable to divulge details of the meeting. What has been ascertained though is that:

- Sadly, Thandolwethu Ngolo is still missing
- Her immediate family is very concerned
- A house where she has allegedly visited intermittently has been identified
- Police are following up on leads



## Family Message to the University of Fort Hare Community

Whilst being appreciative of the support and concern from the university, Ms Ngolo's family is feeling overwhelmed by the sheer number of calls from students asking for updates. They are also upset that insensitive pictures and speculative comments are being circulated on social media platforms.

## Way Forward

Management is grateful for all acts of Ubuntu which have assisted in raising awareness about Ms Ngolo's situation. But management also has a responsibility to 'hear' the family. For now, the family's ask is simple. The case is being prioritised by SAPS and an investigation is underway. All communication with the family should be limited to the designated UFH Senior Manager. In turn, the university will give regular updates on progress to internal stakeholders. Any new, credible information about the case should be directed to the police. The Dean of Students can assist with that process, if needs be.

Thank you for your understanding and patience. These are trying times at the university.

**THANDOLWETHU ROSE NGOLO**

**STUDENT NO. 201707409 - 3RD YEAR BACHELOR OF EDUCATION**

**Last contactable on 18th August 2019  
A case has been opened with the local police**

**ANYONE WITH INFORMATION  
PLEASE CONTACT THE POLICE OR 079 583 9442**



## UFH WOMEN CELEBRATE WOMEN'S MONTH

The University of Fort Hare hosted its first ever women appreciation event to celebrate and honour its female employees. The initiative is driven by Institutional Advancement and seeks to appreciate the role of women and start a dialogue around issues pertaining to woman empowerment at the institution.

The event, themed *"Hats and Heels"* was held at the Alice and East London campus on August 29th and 30th, respectively. The ladies adhered to the theme and came dressed to the nines in their elegant outfits.

Ms Pumla Mncwango, an East London-based attorney delivered the keynote address in Alice. She shared some wise words which left the women inspired. "As a woman you must fight for your identity and refuse to live under someone else's shadow. As South African women, we have role models such as Winnie Madikizela Mandela, Lillian Ngoyi, and Hellen Suzman who fought for freedom, equality and marital power. These women were an epitome of inspiration integrity, selflessness and courage, they fought for what is bigger than their families and themselves as women we can learn from these women and uplift each other," she said.

Mncwango told the women that in order to be successful they must explore and consistently develop their potential. "Our country needs women who are determined to change. Women must be resilient, who refuse to be

stagnant and irrelevant. Stand up and be counted as one of the women who changed lives, surround yourself with people who share your vision and people who challenge you. You must excel to a point where people hold secret meetings about you and commit yourself to excellence. Avoid negative spaces that are surrounded by gossip and choose your crowd. If something does not build you remove yourself from that situation women must arise and see their potential."

Speaking at the East London campus leg of the event, the newly appointed DVC-Academic Affairs, Professor Renuka Vithal said it was important to teach our daughters how far we have come as women to be where we are today.

“ We must tell our daughters what we have sacrificed for us to get to where we are today. This was done in order for them to continue to fight for issues that impact them today - such as unemployment, gender-based violence etc. In comparison to other countries, South Africa has come a long way; women have shaken off gender inequality and are earning themselves a place in the new South Africa. ”

Both events were filled with laughter, music, dancing, words of encouragement and motivation by the speakers.





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**UFH WOMEN'S APPRECIATION DAY**  
WISDOM  
DIVERSITY  
DYNAMIC  
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WONDER WOMEN DIALOGUE  
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29 AUGUST 2019 • ALICE CAMPUS  
VENUE: GRANGHAM  
TIME: 13:00

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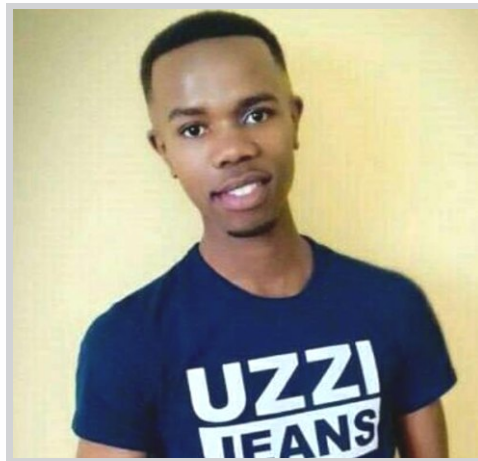
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# MEMORIAL SERVICE OF THE LATE



*Mr Athenkosi Booii*

**Venue: Alice Campus (TBC)**

**Date: Thursday, 12 September 2019**

**Time: 12h30 - 14h00**

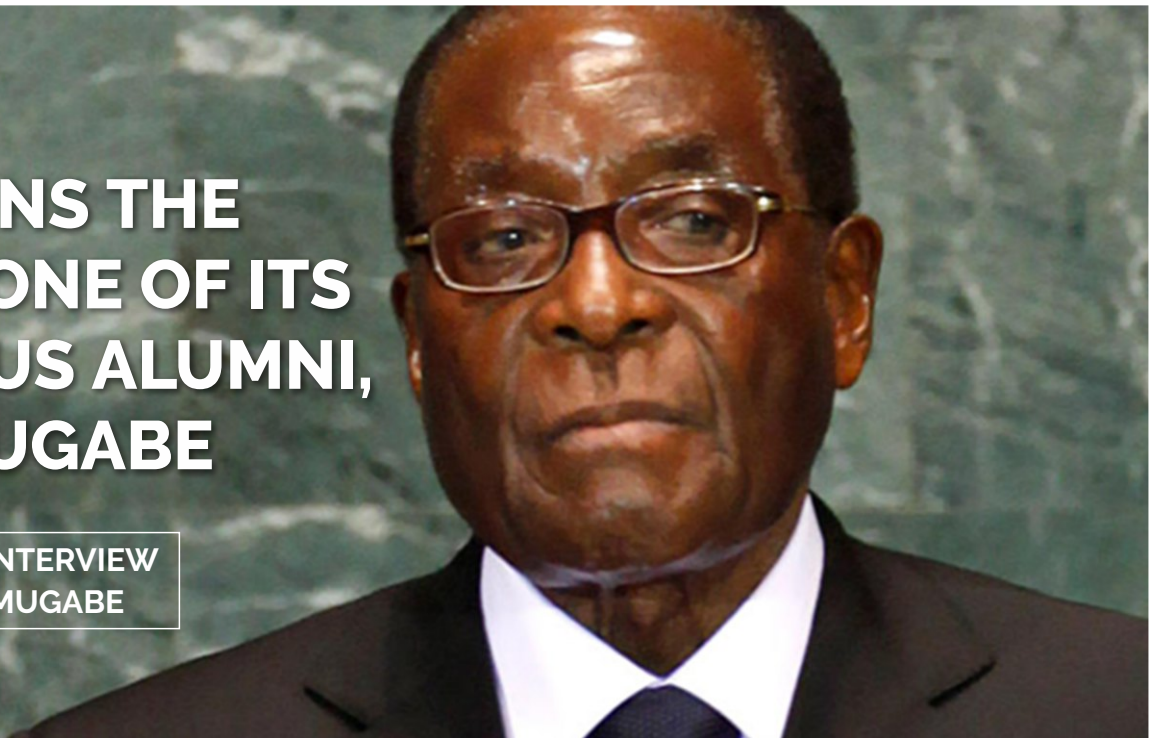
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The late Mr Booii will be laid to rest in his hometown Lupondweni  
Location, King Williams Town on Saturday, 14 September 2019

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## UFH MOURNS THE DEATH OF ONE OF ITS ILLUSTRIOUS ALUMNI, ROBERT MUGABE

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The UFH community is saddened by the death of former Zimbabwean President, Robert Gabriel Mugabe, a revolutionary African political leader

He died last week in a hospital in Singapore, at age 95.

Mugabe registered at the university for a Bachelor Arts Degree in 1948 and graduated in 1951. He was one of the five international heads of states to have been produced at Fort Hare, alongside, Nelson Mandela, Yusuf Lule, Ntsu Mokhehle and Sir Seretse Khama.

Professor Sakhela Buhlungu said Mugabe was a larger than life political figure who was respected across the political spectrum.

"We are very proud of him. Of course, his legacy is a mixed one, but when all is said and done his legacy started here at Fort Hare. We are very proud that this university produced an African political giant like him. We are saddened by his passing," said Buhlungu.

One of the legacies of Mugabe at Fort Hare is the presidential scholarship programme that has sent thousands of young Zimbabweans to study at Fort Hare.

The Zimbabwean presidential scholarship first opened doors for underprivileged Zimbabwean students in 1995. Since then, the Zimbabwean government has continued to send students to several South African Universities, with Mugabe's alma mater receiving the largest portion of students.

In 2016, Mugabe was one of the prominent guests to speak at the university's centenary celebrations, in his speech, he once again affirmed to be fond of being associated with Fort Hare.

"There is a special education here which motivates a student. It's African-ness, the history that it tells of the formation of the ANC and the making, therefore, of the African nation," he said in his speech.

Professor Buhlungu said the relationship that was paved by Mugabe between young Zimbabwean students and the university will remain as the university continues to honour his legacy.

## **UNIVERSITY OF FORT HARE ALUMNI IS DEVASTATED BY THE TRAGIC DEATH OF LEIGHANDRE “BABY-LEE” JEGELS**

The University of Fort Hare is saddened by the news of the passing of Leighandre “Baby-Lee” Jegels. The 25-year-old South African female boxing champion was shot dead on August 29, allegedly by her police officer boyfriend.

Jegels completed her Bachelor of Education degree with the university in 2016. The former Buffalo Flats Primary School pupil and trained teacher was involved in the kyoku-shinkaikan full-contact karate style. She had a black belt and was the South African karate champion in 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

“To lose a talented young person at the prime of her youth and career is a devastating loss for her family and country at large. We are proud of her achievements. Baby-Lee was a great ambassador for the UFH brand. May her soul rest in peace”,

The funeral service will be held at the Abbotsford Christian Centre this coming Saturday, 14 September 2019.





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