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Alice Campus



Dr Rose Masha with Orientation Assistants

“ Thank you
for choosing
the University
of Fort Hare

Administrator's Response to recommendations in Independent Assessors Report



Prof Loyiso Nongxa

Dear UFH staff and students,

20 January 2020

I refer you to my most recent communique circulated on December 14th 2019 wherein I brought to your attention the final report of the Independent Assessors. When the Honourable Minister for Higher Education, Science and Technology, Dr B. Nzimande sent me the report late last year, he asked me to provide him with my response to the recommendations in the Independent Assessors' Report within 30 days. I hereby share with you my responses to these recommendations, which I submitted during the first week of January 2020. In my December 2019 communique to you I pointed out that the findings of the Independent Assessors accorded with my own preliminary diagnostic findings and you may recall that I also presented this assessment in a mid-term report to the University of Fort Hare community in November 2019.

I was invited to a meeting with Minister Nzimande on January 15th, which was attended by the Independent Assessors, officials from the Department of Higher Education as well as Professor S. Buhlungu. The purpose of the meeting was for the Independent Assessors to present their findings to the Minister and for me to point out areas where I felt the recommendations needed further clarification. You will observe after reading my response that I am in agreement with at least 90% of their recommendations. Since I had already submitted the final draft of the new Institutional Statute, their recommendations do not accord with my final submission and I believe there is no

strong argument to incorporate their suggestions. Lastly, I was in agreement that UFH needs a mechanism to ensure that the recommendations are implemented and that there is periodic report by Management on progress in their implementation.

I will have a further engagement with the officials of the DHET to agree on the implementation of a revised Turnaround and Performance Improvement Plan (TPIP), incorporating the Independent Assessors' recommendations and on additional support that DHET may provide UFH to assist in the implementation of the new TPIP and reporting requirements. The revised Turnaround and Performance Improvement Plan will be part of my final report to the Minister as well as my handover report to the new Council of the University. I will expect MANCO to start prioritising the projects and actions for implementation and embark on those that need urgent attention. All members of the UFH community need to put their shoulder to the wheel and the implementation of these recommendations should not drag on endlessly, which may lead to another intervention by Government.

Sincerely,

Professor Loyiso G. Nongxa:
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ADMINISTRATOR: University of Fort Hare

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UFH LAUNCHES 2020 ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

On 22 January, the University of Fort Hare officially kicked-off its First Year Orientation Programme to welcome and introduce first time entering students to the university.

Hosted by Student Affairs and Institutional Advancement, the orientation programme unpacks the university system to newcomers, this includes an introduction to the culture, values, educational support and opportunities available to them.

The first leg of the programme will take place over a course of four days in East London (22-25 January) and then proceed to Alice Campus on 30 January to 1 February.

On day one, first year students filled the Nursing Science Building to the rafters. Clad in UFH branded T-Shirts, students listened attentively to messages of support and advice shared by speakers.

First to address them was Mr Malinge Gqeba, Dean of Students, who commended students for choosing the University of Fort Hare. "You have made a good decision by joining our esteemed university where excellence is guaranteed."

Siphelo "James" Nqabeni, President of the Student Representative Council delivered a heart-warming welcome message and shared some valuable advice. "Do not let your past experiences hold you back. Just stay focused on your goal of obtaining your degree."

“ You are now the master of your destiny. You get to decide what kind of adult you want to be.

Students were also fortunate to be addressed by a notable alumnus, Mr Thando Mpulu, who is the CEO of the Black Business Forum. He advised students to take control of the future from day one. "The power to change your situation is in your hands," he said.

Delivering the keynote address, Prof Renuka Vithal - DVC: Academic Affairs, encouraged students to take advantage of every opportunity made available to them. "You are now the master of your destiny. You get to decide what kind of adult you want to be."

The formal programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof Nokwethemba Ndlazi, DVC: Institutional Support, who thanked students for choosing the University of Fort Hare as their study destination.

The afternoon session of the programme was dedicated to the library team who advised students about services available at all university libraries.

by Aretha Linden



UFH POSTGRAD STUDENT LAUDED AT YOUTH CONFERENCE IN CZECH REPUBLIC

“ I am inspired by people who attain greatness despite coming from challenging backgrounds.

Mr Njongwezintle "Njongo" Baliso is a passionate UFH ambassador. In addition to pursuing postgraduate studies in Business Management, he also serves as a student assistant at the Govan Mbeki Research and Development Centre.

Njongo recently returned from the 38th Edition International Youth Leadership Conference in Czech Republic where he walked away with the "Best Defense Strategy Diplomacy Award."

The conference took place between 12 and 17 January. Its objective is to give invited students the opportunity to test their leadership skills, debate current issues, deliver speeches, draft resolutions, make executive decisions, and realize through experience the complexities of international relations. The event facilitates an exchange of ideas across an ethnically diverse and socially responsible group of young international leaders.

Njongo has previously attended several Southern African Region Youth Forums and African Youth Forums and was among three African students invited to the conference.

His passion for social justice and international relations has seen him crafting and leading many projects and structures. He is one of five students who started *Stand As One*, a movement that played a pivotal role in drafting the UFH gender-based violence policy.

Njongo is also a recipient of the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, a German Scholarship Programme and currently holds the position of a Public Relations Officer for the Fort Hare Autumn School.

In 2018 he was president of the Student Representative Council.



Mr Njongwezintle Baliso

Njongo attributes his remarkable accomplishments on his thirst "to expand the body of knowledge that I have acquired."

"I am inspired by people who attain greatness despite coming from challenging backgrounds. Much of my motivation, in this regard, has not come from people from my own community in Engcobo. Bringing these two together, my goal is to deepen understanding of social justice among people from my home village in Engcobo. This is how we can attain change".

The University of Fort Hare is proud of Njongo's achievements.

by Aretha Linden



UFH Notable Alumnus turns 100!!



Sir Charles Mugane Njonjo, a distinguished UFH alumnus and Kenya's first Attorney General turned 100 on 23 January. Popularly referred to as the "The Duke of Keбетeshire", Njonjo was enrolled at UFH in the 1940's where he studied Administration, Sociology, South African Criminal Law and Latin. He graduated in 1945 with Bachelor's Degree in Law in 1945. He served in the regimes of Jomo Kenyatta and Daniel arap Moi -Kenya's first two presidents after gaining independence.



Thank you for choosing UFH!

EAST LONDON CAMPUS 2020 REGISTRATION

Thousands of first-year students walked out of the registration venue brandishing freshly printed student cards, signifying the start of their academic journey at this historical university.

Registration in East London started on 20 January and is still continuing. To assist those who could not register during the week, the registration team worked tirelessly over the weekend as well.

According to daily statistics provided by the Planning and Quality Assurance department, the Law Faculty registered the highest number of first years.

The Institutional Advancement media team went around asking some of the newcomers why they chose the University of Fort Hare. Their response was simple: "It is the best university".

Student Veronique Leonard has enrolled for a Bachelor of Education in the Intermediate Phase and Oluwaseun Lambo is the first international student to register. Both could barely contain their excitement as evidenced in the video clips below:

- [Veronica Leonard](#)
- [Oluwaseun Lambo](#)

Registration at the Alice Campus opens from 28 January to 7 February and will conclude at the Bhisho campus on 11 and 12 February.



by Aretha Linden







UFH STAFF MEMBER TAKES ON 2020 IRONMAN 70.3

“ After the two marathons I set myself this exciting goal, to take on the Ironman.

On 26 January, Ms Petro Muller, Cash Management Administrator in the Finance Department participated in the 2020 Ironman 70.3.

The triathlon event, regarded as the toughest athletics competition in Africa, attracted more than 1400 participants from around the world. Athletes were greeted with a 1.9km ocean swim at the Orient Beach, followed by a 90.1km bike ride down the N2 highway and turning around at the Berlin Off-ramp before taking on a 21.1km run at the Esplanade.

Her passion for athletics developed in 2008 when she took part in speed walking challenges. “A colleague and I took part in a cabbage patch race and after that we were hooked.” She never looked back since then.

In 2015 she participated in her first marathon of 42.2km. This was followed by the two oceans 56km ultra marathon in 2017. “After the two marathons I set myself this exciting goal, to take on the Ironman”.

To prepare for the race, Petro joined a group of local bike riders and perfected her swimming strokes at the Joan Harrison swimming pool.

Well done Petro!



Ms Petro Muller

by Chuma Makapela



UFH PRODUCES ELEVEN NATIONAL PLAYERS IN EIGHT SPORTING CODES



The year 2019 was a good year for UFH sports, with 11 of our students being selected for national teams in various sporting codes. The talented UFH players were spotted during the University Sport South Africa (USSA) Games that were played during the winter and summer season. All 26 universities in the country participated in sporting codes such as Cricket, Softball, Volleyball, Rugby and Pool.

The following UFH players were selected for different national teams:



- **Pool - Sixolile Nkonyeni**
- **Cricket - Mkhululi Calana, Jerome Bossr and Jerry Nqolo**
- **Chess - Sphamandla Mkopha**
- **Ladies Rugby - Lusanda Dumke**
- **Softball - Nolwazi Mabindisa, Ziphozethu Nolatsho**
- **Soccer - Yanga Yamnkile**
- **Judo - Anelisa Tsipa**
- **Karate – Nolubabalo Ndongana**



All of the teams were well prepared for the USSA tournament and enjoyed the support of the UFH Sports Department and trained at the Human Movement Science gym. Some of the players such as Nolubabalo Ndongana travelled to Japan to compete in a karate tournament. The female rugby team also travelled to France in April last year.

by Asaduma Baloyi

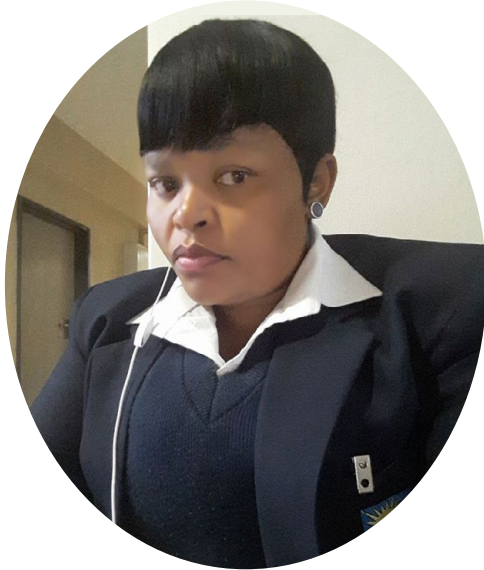


FNB VARSITY SHIELD FIXTURES

FNB Varsity Shield Fixtures 2020 F1(Games on a Friday- 1 TV)								
Date	Round	Comp	Home Team	vs	Away Team	Time	TV	Field / Venue
14-Feb-20	1	Shield	FNB Rhodes	vs	FNB TUT	19:00		Rhodes Great Field
		Shield	FNB Madibaz	vs	FNB UKZN	19:00		Madibaz Stadium
		Shield	FNB CPUT	vs	FNB WSU	19:00	√	CPUT Sports Stadium
<i>Bye FNB UFH</i>								
21-Feb-20	2	Shield	FNB TUT	vs	FNB CPUT	19:00		TUT Stadium
		Shield	FNB UFH	vs	FNB Rhodes	17:15	√	Madibaz Stadium
		Shield	FNB Madibaz	vs	FNB WSU	19:15	√	Madibaz Stadium
<i>Bye FNB UKZN</i>								
28-Feb-20	3	Shield	FNB UKZN	vs	FNB CPUT	19:00		Peter Booyesen Stadium
		Shield	FNB Rhodes	vs	FNB Madibaz	19:00		Rhodes Great Fields
		Shield	FNB WSU	vs	FNB UFH	19:00	√	BCM Stadium
<i>Bye FNB TUT</i>								
06-Mar-20	4	Shield	FNB CPUT	vs	FNB Madibaz	19:00		CPUT Sports Stadium
		Shield	FNB WSU	vs	FNB TUT	19:00		BCM Stadium
		Shield	FNB UFH	vs	FNB UKZN	19:00	√	Davidson Stadium
<i>Bye FNB Rhodes</i>								
13-Mar-20	5	Shield	FNB UKZN	vs	FNB WSU	19:00		Howard College Rugby Stadium
		Shield	FNB CPUT	vs	FNB Rhodes	19:00		CPUT Sports Stadium
		Shield	FNB TUT	vs	FNB UFH	19:00	√	TUT Stadium
<i>Bye FNB Madibaz</i>								
20-Mar-20	6	Shield	FNB TUT	vs	FNB Madibaz	19:00		TUT Stadium
		Shield	FNB UFH	vs	FNB CPUT	19:00		Davidson Stadium
		Shield	FNB Rhodes	vs	FNB UKZN	19:00	√	Rhodes Great Field
<i>Bye FNB WSU</i>								
27-Mar-20	7	Shield	FNB UKZN	vs	FNB TUT	19:00		Howard College Rugby Stadium
		Shield	FNB WSU	vs	FNB Rhodes	19:00		BCM Stadium
		Shield	FNB Madibaz	vs	FNB UFH	17:00	√	Madibaz Stadium (Kings at 19:00)
<i>Bye FNB CPUT</i>								
03-Apr-20	Semi-Final	Shield				17:15	√	
		Shield				19:15	√	
10-Apr-20	Shield Final	Shield				19:00	√	
21-Apr-20	Prom / Rel	P/R	8th in Varsity Cup		2nd in Varsity Shield	17:15	√	
21-Apr-20	North v South	N v S	North	vs	South	19:15	√	



UFH mourns the death of two Security Officers



Ms Khanyisa Daniels



Mr Mhawukelwa Clifford Thabede

In the month of January alone, the University of Fort Hare lost two security personnel.

Ms Khanyisa Daniels died on 11 January after a short illness and Mr Mhawukelwa "Malume" Clifford Thabede passed away on 19 January also due to illness.

Ms Daniels joined UFH in October 2016 as a security officer. Her colleagues described her as "vocal and opinionated". Her colleagues have described her as someone who was not shy to voice out her views and opinions.

Team leader, Mzwenzhlanhla Mdletshe, remembered Ms Daniels as a dedicated employee: "She was a straight forward person and always followed the rules. She was an outspoken person who even joined a labour union and became a shop steward. I could always rely on her", he said.

Malume started working at UFH as a bodyguard of the former Deputy Vice Chancellor, Dr Jabulani Mjwara in 2014. He went on to become a security shift leader.

According to his colleagues, Malume was a "fearless" security officer.

Malume was laid to rest on 26 January in Kwazulu Natal, Maritzburg. Ms Daniels will be laid to rest in her hometown in Frankford, the funeral date is yet to be confirmed.

by Asaduma Baloyi

May their souls Rest in Peace

Upcoming Events

2020 Registration

Alice Campus: 28 January - 7 February

Bhisho Campus: 11 - 12 February

1st Years Orientation

Alice Campus: 30 January - 1 February

Bhisho Campus: 11 - 12 February

Varsity Shield Rugby

Tournament Kick-off: 14 February

UFH 1st Home Game: 6 March



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Dear University Community

Please be advised that in order to accommodate other key priorities, it has become necessary to defer the official opening ceremonies from 30 and 31 January to **13 and 14 February 2020** in Alice and East London campuses respectively. Kindly adjust diaries accordingly.

We apologise for the inconvenience and look forward to your full participation as per norm.

Sincerely
Institutional Advancement

University of Fort Hare 2020 Official Opening

ALICE CAMPUS

DATE: 13 FEBRUARY

VENUE: SCIENCE AUDITORIUM

TIME: 10H00

Academics are requested to meet at 9:30 for robing at venue NE 7 at the Science Building.

EAST LONDON CAMPUS

DATE: 14 FEBRUARY

VENUE: ABC HALL

TIME: 10H00

Academics are requested to meet at 9:30 for robing at the Main Boardroom.

Academics attending the Official Opening are encouraged to be in their academic regalia and to partake in the academic procession.

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