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Community interaction is one of Stellenbosch University's three core functions. It means that we as a university strive to make an impact on society through our research, teaching and learning.

In *Kampusnuus* this month, find out how you can make an impact through Maties Community Service (MCS). Each year during MAD², students go to different schools and centres to do community service by painting classrooms or cleaning up rivers.

However from this year, MCS wants to spread its wings by training SU staff members to do their bit for the community. Read more on page 8.

Die US streef daarna om in al sy werksaamhede eties op te tree – of dit nou is in die sluit van groot kontrakte of die verklaring van geskenke. 'n Nuwe beleid oor konflik van belange is tans in werking en sorg dat elke personeelid eties handel. Lees op bladsy 10 waarom hierdie beleid belangrik is vir elke werknemer van die Universiteit.

Uiteindelik is 'n droom bewaarheid toe die US se Coetzenburg-swembad in Februarie ingewy is. Dié hoë-tegnologie swembad is die enigste in sy soort in Suid-Afrika en die impak daarvan op sport in die provinsie sal groot wees. Op bladsy 11 berig ons hieroor.

Op die voorblad is Christelle Feyt, Senior Direkteur: Voornemende Studente. Sy vertel oor haar groot besluit om van Port Elizabeth na die US te kom.

Kampusnuus also visits Grant Jefthas, who works at the Contact and Client Services Centre, but who we often see as Master of Ceremonies at staff events on campus. On page 3 you can get to know him better.

Also, read on page 12 about this month's art exhibition at the Sasol Art Museum, and experience some riveting piano performances in the Endler Hall.

Enjoy this issue.

Grant bly in kontak

Vir Grant Jefthas van die US se Kontak- en Kliëntedienssentrum is dit 'n groot plesier om mense te help met dinge wat dalk hul lewe kan verander. En met sy borrelende persoonlikheid is dit geen wonder dat ons hom so dikwels by US-geleenthede as seremoniemeester sien optree nie.



Die Kontak- en Kliëntedienssentrum hanteer ... alle telefoonoproepe, fakse en e-posse wat die US ontvang. Ons lig voornemende studente in oor die aansoekproses, toelatingsvereistes, keuring, koshuisplasinge en beursaansoeke. Waar ons nie kan help nie, verwys ons studente na die relevante departement. Huidige studente klop ook by ons aan met kwessies oor registrasie, studentegelde, rekords of gradeplegtighede.

Ek is 'n eerste generasie-student ... wat van Franschhoek kom. My ouers was plaaswerkers en ek wou meer wees. Die NWU Pukke het my gewerf en ek het my BCom in Kommunikasiebestuur daar voltooi. Ek staan elke oggend op met die wete dat ek iemand iewers gaan help met relevante inligting wat hul lewe makliker maak; selfs kan verander. Dikwels het mense wat skakel geen idee hoe die US werk nie. Dis 'n absolute plesier om hulle van die begin van die aansoek (in Maart) tot en met registrasie (die volgende jaar Januarie) te help.



Die grootste uitdaging in my werk is ... moeilike ouers wat alles namens hul kinders wil doen. 'n Mens begryp die bekommernis van 'n eerstejaar se ouers, maar dit is dikwels seniors se ouers wat moeilik is. Hulle raak ongeduldig en sommige vloek selfs op jou! Daar is baie ondersteuningsmiddele, soos MyMaties, waarop hulle bykans alles kan uitrig. Ons sien elke student as 'n volwassene wat sy studies en persoonlike lewe self moet bestuur. Personeel is ook soms 'n uitdaging. Die meeste dink nog uitbreiding 9111 is die skakelbord – dit bestaan sedert 2009 nie meer nie. As jy iemand soek, tik slegs die woord "gids" op Internet Explorer in, tik dan die persoon se van of departement en siedaar, jy het die telefoonnommer én e-posadres.

Ek was al seremoniemeester ... by talle van die US Welwees se geleenthede. Elf jaar gelede was ek vir die eerste keer 'n seremoniemeester by my niggie se troue. Ek het nooit weer teruggekyk nie! Ek doen meestal troues, maar ook verjaardagvieringe en dinees. Die gaste se reaksie as ek met selfvertroue praat en hier en daar 'n grappie maak wat hulle laat skaterlag, is natuurlik 'n bonus!

"Alles wat ek kiés om te wees" ... dís my lewensfilosofie. Ons leef in 'n wêreld waar ons gedruk word om in te gee aan die samelewing se manier van dinge doen. Ons voel gedruk as ons onderpresteer volgens ander se standaarde. Ons ag ander se verwagtinge belangriker as ons eie innerlike stem. Ek het geleer om my innerlike stem te volg. Ek kiés wat ek wil doen. Meer belangriker: ek kiés wie ek wil wees. Daarin lê baie opgesluit.

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KAMPUS klets

Meeting a great need in our country (Faculty of Science donates calculators for #neknomination, see page 7). Let's make the difference in maths and science – *Ethelwynn*

Baie geluk met 'n uitstekende inisiatief (Maties Netbal wen by die Cape Town Tens-rugbyfees). Doen so voort en voorspoed vir die seisoen! – *Jackie Wiese*

Well done to SUN academics and SRC (#neknomination, see page 7). We hope the rest of the universities in South Africa will follow and take up such challenges. Well done for Community Interaction. – *Gerda Bender*
 Ek dink SciMathUS is 'n goeie program van die Universiteit om studente wat uit benadeel omstandighede uit te help en ondersteun. – *Adrian Johnson*

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Another positive #neknomination that makes a difference! Well done, Prof Jimmy Volmink (see page 7). – *Gerda Ziemkendorf Joubert*

US het die negatiewiteit rondom #neknomination na die positiewe omgeswaai. – *Maria Jonas*

lewens is daar fout by US rugby. 'n Mens kry eintlik seer as jy sien hoe hulle nou vaar. Ek vertrou dat daar ondersoek ingestel sal word. – *Beulah Smith*

What a beautiful day it was for the official opening of the Maties Pool – *Sebastian @simenic*

The official @StellenboschUni Inetkey app for android is now available in Google Play – *Ralph Pina @ralphpina*



Nuwe navorsingsleerstoel in afvalwaterbestuur

Die ERWAT-leerstoel in Afvalwaterbestuur, wat deur die US se Waterinstituut gehuisves word, is op 3 Februarie amptelik by STIAS bekendgestel.

ERWAT (East Rand Water Care Company) is in 1992 gestig as 'n Artikel 21-maatskappy.

Dit is verantwoordelik vir die grootmaat afvoer van afvalwater en die verskaffing van 'n hoogs tegniese en effektiewe afvalwaterbehandelingsdiens aan sowat 2 000 industrieë en meer as 3,5 miljoen mense met toegang tot sanitêre dienste.

Volgens Pat Twala, ERWAT se Besturende Direkteur, lê een van die waterbedryf se grootste uitdagings in die vind van omgewingsvriendelike metodes om ontslae te raak van die slikt wat deur afvalwaterwerke gegenerer word. ERWAT bestuur 19 afvalwaterbehandelingswerke in Oos-Gauteng wat sowat 800 liter water per dag behandel.

Die ander groot uitdaging is om tegnisi en ingenieurs met die nodige spesialisvaardighede te werf. Dit sal die Suid-Afrikaanse waterbedryf in staat stel om internasionaal meer mededingend te kan wees, het hy bygevoeg.

Prof Eugene Cloete, Viserektor



Prof Eugene Cloete, US Viserektor (Navorsing en Innovasie); Pat Twala, Besturende Direkteur van ERWAT; prof Louise Warnich, Dekaan van die Fakulteit Natuurwetenskappe; en prof Gideon Wolfaardt, eerste bekleër van die ERWAT-navorsingsleerstoel. Foto: ANTON JORDAAN

(Navorsing en Innovasie) en voorsitter van die US Waterinstituut se adviesraad, het gesê die bedryf sal munisipale afvalwater as 'n hulpbron eerder as 'n afvalprodukt moet begin beskou.

Die nuwe ERWAT-leerstoel sal fokus op wetenskaplike en tegniese vooruitgang in die bestuur van afvalwater, watergehalte, watergebruik en -aanvraag, sowel as om vennootskappe aan te moedig wat die wateravontuurs-

en bestuursvaardighede van wetenskaplikes, ingenieurs en tegniese personeel kan bevorder.

Prof Gideon Wolfaardt, 'n internasionaal-erkende spesialis in die biologiese en ingenieursaspekte van wateravontuurs, is die eerste om hierdie leerstoel te beklee. Hy het onlangs teruggekeer uit Kanada waar hy sedert 2004 'n leerstoel beklee het wat op die skakelvlak tussen die omgewing en biofilms gefokus het.

New Deans start their term

On 1 February, Prof Stan du Plessis took over as Dean of the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences, while Prof Louise Warnich started her term as the new Dean of the Faculty of Science.

Du Plessis was appointed as successor to Prof Johann de Villiers, who has enrolled for full-time studies.

The arrangement about the transfer of the Dean's responsibilities will enable De Villiers to attend to his studies earlier.

De Villiers, who has been Dean for the past 11 years, said he was very

proud of what the staff had achieved collectively. "The energy and fresh ideas coming from a new leadership is already evident. I wish Prof Du Plessis and the faculty all of the very best."

Warnich took over from acting Dean Prof Doug Rawlings. She is an alumnus of the Faculty of Science, obtained a PhD in Human Genetics from SU, joined the Department of Genetics in 1992 and was then appointed as professor in 2003. Since the end of 2011, she served as Vice-Dean in the Faculty of AgriSciences.

Rawlings, who was acting Dean since

2012 after Prof Eugene Cloete became Vice-Rector (Research and Innovation), has returned to the Department of Microbiology where he is writing up his DSc.



Prof Louise Warnich Prof Stan du Plessis

Maties Netbal stel Hantie du Toit-span bekend

Die bekendstelling van die Hantie du Toit-netbalspan is 'n poging deur Maties Netbal om spelers wat reeds hul studies voltooi het die geleentheid te gee om steeds deel van Maties Netbal te wees. Dit sal ervare spelers hopelik

in die Varsity Netbal-sisteem hou en help om te verseker die Boland bly 'n sterk en kompeterende netbalstreek.

Dr Hantie du Toit was bekend as die Dok Craven van Maties Netbal. Du Toit het van 1958 tot met haar aftrede

in 1988 afgerig. Sy is op 31 Desember 1989 oorlede. Sy het Maties-, Van der Stel- en Boland-spanne afgerig. In 1981 was sy breier van die SA span.

Die Hantie du Toit-span sal uit 12 spelers bestaan waarvan nege oud-Maties (studente of spelers) moet wees. Die res word op meriete gekies.

KENNISGEWING

Beroepsgesondheid en -veiligheid

Omgewings se risiko-en-veiligheidskomitees vervul 'n krities belangrike rol om die Universiteit se mees waardevolle bates, naamlik sy personeel en studente, te beskerm teen beserings en onveilige werksituasies.

Die Beroepsveiligheidswetgewing (OHSAct, Wet 85 van 1993) hou die rektor as hoof- uitvoerende beampete aanspreeklik vir veiligheid in die werkplek.

Die operasionele verantwoordelikhede word deur die rektor gedelegeer via die dekanes en omgewingshoofde tot op operasionele vlak regoor die hele Universiteit.

Die wetgewing is so omskryf dat die verantwoordelikheid gedelegeer word tot op die laagste funksionele vlakke binne 'n organisasie.

Risiko-en-veiligheidskomitees word in elke gebou deur die betrokke omgewingshoofde en dekanes aangestel met die verantwoordelikheid om 'n doeltreffende veiligheidsprogram vir die omgewing saam te stel en die nodige prosedures in te oefen.

Al dié komitees vorm gesamentlik 'n veiligheidsnetwerk deur al die US se leef-, leer-, en werkplekke.

Die Hoofdirekteur: Fasiliteitsbestuur en Direkteur: Risikobestuur en Kampussekuriteit is in die proses om gesprekke met alle omgewingshoofde te voer om die aspekte van beroepsgesondheid en -veiligheid toe te lig, en hulp en leiding te gee met die uitvoering van die noodsaaklike funksie binne u omgewing.

U word versoek om asseblief die nodige prioriteit aan die gesprekke te gee.

US stel nuwe MSc-graad in volhoubare landbou in

Die US het in Februarie sy nuwe MSc-graad in Volhoubare Landbou van stapel gestuur is.

Die program, met vier studente wat ingeskryf is vir 2014, sal vir die eerste keer vanjaar aangebied word en fokus op die wetenskaplike beginsels om grond en voedselproduksie op 'n volhoubare manier te bestuur.

Hierdie meestersgraad, een van twee in Suid-Afrika (die ander kursus word by die Universiteit van die Vrystaat aangebied), is gegrond op 'n stelselbenadering voortspruitend uit die feit dat die boerderylandskap 'n stelsel is wat die somtotaal is van sy komponente soos grond, water, gewasse, diere, die omgewing en kapitaalinvestering.

Hierdie komponente moenie in isolasie beskou word nie. Dit is belangrik om te besef dat menslike kapasiteit, arbeid, geslag en ander maatskaplike entiteite ook deel van hierdie holistiese stelsel vorm.

Die twee jaar lange graadprogram, wat deur 'n span akademici vanuit verskeie dissiplines ontwikkel is, bestaan uit 'n onderrig- sowel as 'n navorsingskomponent.

Die modules wat in die eerste jaar behandel word, is onder meer

'n inleiding tot stelsels, volhoubare grondbestuur, volhoubare plantproduksie, volhoubare diereproduksie, biodiversiteits- en ekosisteedienste, die sosiologie van volhoubare landbou, die ekonomie van volhoubare landbou en stelsels, ontleding, en simulasie.

Na afloop van hierdie modules sal studente 'n vier tot ses weke lange werksgeïntegreerde leerprogram deurloop, waartydens hulle met werklike probleme in volhoubare landbou te doen sal kry.

In die tweede jaar onderneem die studente 'n navorsingsprojek wat op 'n tesis sal uitloop.

Prof Raymond Auerbach van die Nelson Mandela Metropolitaanse Universiteit (NMMU) en direkteur van die Rainman Landcare-stigting, was die gasspreker by die bekendstelling. Hy het op die raad gediens wat die nuwe graad gekonseptualiseer het.

Prof Kennedy Dzama van die Departement Veekundige Wetenskappe, wat nou betrokke was by die ontwikkeling van die nuwe program, het gesê Suid-Afrika bly tans agter wat volhoubare landbou betref, daarom is hierdie program so belangrik.



Die nuwe studente Zander Venter, Tshepo Morokong, Lezanie Coetzee en Busisiwe Mahlobo (heelregs) saam met prof Raymond Auerbach en dr Heidi Hawkins. Foto: ANTON JORDAAN

ADA hosts policy analysis seminar

The African Doctoral Academy (ADA) recently offered a week-long seminar on "Research for Policy and Practice" to 35 PhD students who represented 11 African countries, the USA, Sweden, India and China.

The seminar serves as a capacity development intervention to the SA Young Scientists Summer Programme

and is co-hosted by the University of the Free State, the National Research Foundation, the Department of Science and Technology and the Austrian-based International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA).

The seminar focused on effective ways of using research evidence to support policy making. The seminar was

presented by Marina Joubert (Southern Science), Prof Alice Pell (Cornell University), Dr Lindiwe Sibanda (FANRPAN) and Prof Frans Swanepoel (ADA).

The seminar culminated in a high level policy dialogue in which a number of SADC policy makers participated.

New MDR-TB drug on the horizon

A promising new drug for the treatment of multi-drug resistant (MDR) TB was recently conditionally approved by the European Medicines Agency. A research unit closely affiliated with Stellenbosch University played a central role in this process.

The drug, called Delamanid, was developed by the Japanese pharmaceutical company Otsuka, and was tested by TASK Applied Science, a clinical trials unit founded and run by Andreas Diacon, professor of Medical Physiology at SU's Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences.

"We were the first worldwide to give Delamanid to a TB patient, and we also published the first report on the use of Delamanid in TB patients," said TASK director, Dr Florian von Groote-Bidlingmaier, a specialist physician in Internal Medicine and Pulmonology who is responsible for the MDR-TB trials at Brooklyn Chest Hospital.

Delamanid is a newly synthesised

drug (a so-called nitro-dihydroimidazo-oxazole) with similarities to existing antibiotics, but new for tuberculosis treatment. It is one of several drugs currently in clinical development, and is only the second anti-tuberculosis drug after bedaquiline to receive a positive opinion from an international medicines authority in decades.

A two-month trial in patients with MDR-TB showed treatment to be significantly more effective when Delamanid was added to the standard drug regimen, compared to the standard treatment alone. It also seems to have a favourable side effect profile.

"With the growing rate of drug-resistant TB we urgently need new drugs to treat our patients," said Von Groote-Bidlingmaier.

Although Delamanid is currently not approved in South Africa, Von Groote-Bidlingmaier said he is confident that it will become available to TB patients here in the near future.



Prof Andreas Diacon and Dr Florian von Groote-Bidlingmaier.

Soil Science postgraduate students take top awards at congress

Three postgraduate students in the Department of Soil Science managed to win all the awards for young researchers at the Combined Congress 2014 of the Soil and Plant Science Societies of South Africa (SSSSA, SASHS, SASCP and SAWSS).

The congress was held at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, in January.

It had a record attendance of 388 delegates from all over South Africa. Four delegates from SU's Department of Soil Science attended the congress:

Dr Ailsa Hardie and three of her postgraduate students, Makhosazana Sika (PhDAgric), Jacques Smith (MScAgric) and Naudé Smith (MScAgric). The students' oral presentations were all very well received, with Naudé Smith receiving the Soil Science Society of South Africa (SSSSA) award for the Best Paper presented by a researcher under 30 years, and Jacques Smith receiving the Omnia Nutriology Merit Award for Best Soil Science Student Paper for his presentation.

US lei nog 'n sentrum van uitnemendheid



Prof Johann Mouton

Die Universiteit se Sentrum vir Navorsing oor Evaluasie, Wetenskap en Tegnologie (SENWET) is gekies as 'n sentrum van uitnemendheid in wetenskapmetriek en om wetenskap-, tegnologie-, en innovasiebeleid aan te bied. Die US het tans vier ander sentrums van uitnemendheid.

Hierdie jongste sentrum is een van vyf nuwe sentrums van uitnemendheid wat in Februarie deur die minister van wetenskap en tegnologie, Derek Hanekom, aangekondig.

Die doel van sulke sentrums is om samewerkende en interdisiplinêre navorsing onder navorsingsinstellings te bevorder en om hoë-gehalte vaardigheidsontwikkeling te voorsien in prioriteit-navorsingsgebiede.

SENWET is 'n interdisiplinêre navorsings- en akademiese sentrum wat in 1995 gestig is. Dit doen navorsing oor die aard van wetenskap en tegnologie. Dit bied ook nagraadse programme in twee gebiede naamlik wetenskap en tegnologie en monitoring- en evaluasiestudies.

Die sentrum by die US sal kyk na die verhoging van die doeltreffendheid van die land se gebruik van sy kennishulpbronne deur die produksie van hoë-gehalte, navorsing-gebaseerde bewyse om die impak van Suid-Afrikaanse wetenskap en tegnologie te bevorder en sodoende die besluitneming vir die nasionale wetenskapstelsel te verbeter.

Prof Johann Mouton, Direkteur van SENWET, het gesê die nuwe sentrum sal funksioneer met SENWET as die leidende gasheer, Tshwane Universiteit van Tegnologie (TUT) as mede-gasheer, en die Sentrum vir Hoër Onderwys en Transformasie (CHET) en die Sentrum vir Wetenskap en Tegnologie Studies (CWTS), Universiteit van Leiden) as vennote.

US se #neknominations help gemeenskap

Die gewilde gier #neknomination het in Februarie die US getref – van die US-reaktor tot SR-voorsitter het hierdeur 'n positiewe bydrae tot die gemeenskap gemaak.

#neknomination het as 'n YouTube-gier in Australië begin waarin iemand uitgedaag word om op video 'n drankie af te slurp. Maar dit het intussen 'n positiewe kinkel gekry waarin mense mekaar uitdaag om iets goed in hul gemeenskappe te doen. 'n Video van die goeie daad word dan op YouTube gelai en die persoon moet nog twee mense uitdaag om 'n goeie daad te doen.

Prof Russel Botman, US-reaktor, het in reaksie op 'n uitdaging van MJ Dippenaar, SR-voorsitter, R10000 namens sy gesin aan die iShack-projek in Enkanini, Stellenbosch, geskenk.

Dippenaar het aanvanklik gereageer op 'n #neknomination van Lydia se huiskomitee aan Maties se SR. Hy het toe burgers uitgedeel aan verbaasde Stellenbosse motoriste en voetgangers in die dorp. Daarna het hy Botman uitgedaag.

Botman het groot lof vir die spontane reaksie van US-studente en -personeelle. "Maties het aangesluit by die internasionale veldtog wat in Suid-Afrika 'n positiewe kinkel gekry het. Ons studente wys hulle ondersteun die US se visie om 'n impak op die samelewing te maak."

Dekane spring ook in

Op sy beurt het Botman die dekanes van die US se tien fakulteite met 'n #neknomination uitgedaag om te wys hoe die werk van hul personeel en studente 'n impak het op die samelewing.

Prof Johan Hattingh, Dekaan van die Fakulteit Lettere en Sosiale Wetenskappe, het heel eerste Botman se uitdaging aanvaar.

Hattingh is reeds betrokke by die Jeuguitreksentrum naby die Du Toitstasie. Hy het meer vertel van die werk wat daar gedoen word en ook 'n beroep gedoen op enigeen wat betrokke wil raak om die fakulteit te kontak.

Prof Stan du Plessis, Dekaan van die Fakulteit Ekonomiese en Bestuurswetenskappe, het vir sy uitdaging die handboeke van 'n wildvreemde student in dié fakulteit betaal.

Nóg 'n dekaan wat die uitdaging aanvaar het, is prof Louise Warnich van die Fakulteit Natuurwetenskappe. Sy en 'n paar kollegas en studente het die Makupula Sekondêre Skool in Kayamandi besoek en aan elkeen 'n nuwe sakrekenaar geskenk.

Tydens die besoek aan die skool het dit aan die lig gekom dat daar 'n behoefte is vir ekstra wiskundelesse vir die leerders. Warnich het prof Ingrid Rewitzky, hoof van die Departement Wiskundige Wetenskappe, uitgedaag om die leerders in dié verband te help.

Prof Jimmy Volmink van die Fakulteit Geneeskunde en Gesondheidswetenskappe het R2000 bygedra tot die fondsinsamelingsinisiatief van die Tygerberg-lede van die Stellenbosch Universiteitskoor. Hulle samel geld in vir hul toer na die Wêreldkoorkampioenskappe in Letland later vanjaar. "Ons ondersteun graag ons studente om hierdie belangrike wêreldgeleentheid by te woon en glo dit sal 'n verrykende ervaring vir hulle wees," het Volmink gesê.



Prof Russel Botman saam met Yondela Tyawa, 'n mede-navorsers verbonde aan die US se Navorsingsentrum in Enkanini.

Foto: DESMOND THOMPSON

MFM steun gemeenskapsprojek

TuksFM het met 'n #neknomination MFM 92.6 uitgedaag om 'n gemeenskapsprojek te help. MFM het toe die Vlaeberg-gemeenskapsentrum gekies. Op Maandag 17 Februarie het MFM verf, swaai, kos, grassnyers en sokkerballe gereël om die sentrum se speelplek, wat onveilig was vir kinders, in 'n prettige area te omskep. MFM het ook 'n grassnyer aan die sentrum geskenk. Die Vlaeberg-gemeenskapsentrum sien om na meer as 70 kinders, hoofsaaklik tussen die ouderdomme van 4 en 18.

"MFM is trots om deel van die gemeenskap te wees en terug te gee waar ons kan. Gemeenskapsentrums het altyd hulp nodig en ons is bly ons kon deur die #neknomination help," sê Charita van der Berg, stasiebestuurder.

MFM het op sy beurt 'n #neknomination aan Heart 104.9 FM en Smile 90.4 FM gemaak.



MFM se span het by die Vlaeberg-gemeenskapsentrum hul #neknomination gaan uitvoer.



Die Fakulteit Natuurwetenskappe het sakrekenaars aan leerders van die Makupula Sekondêre Skool in Kayamandi oorhandig.

Giving a helping hand

In May, Matie Community Service will present a course on community interaction to SU staff members who would like to be involved in the division's projects. LYNNE RIPPENAAR-MOSES writes about the value of helping out and how SU's first-year students did exactly that during their Community Interaction morning.

On 30 January, more than 2000 first-year students and house committee members participated in the Community Interaction morning of Matie Community Service (MCS) by volunteering at various community projects in and around Stellenbosch.

While these students were painting community buildings, cleaning up school grounds or interacting with learners by painting their faces and supervising a water slide, another 3000 students stayed behind at venues across campus to learn more about what community interaction entails.

All these activities were organised by the One Stop Student Volunteer Service of MCS in conjunction with residence and private student organisation (PSO) house committee members.

Michelle Pietersen, Project Manager of the One Stop Student Volunteer Service, believes that there is also a big desire on the part of staff to get more involved. Staff-student volunteer projects like the Toasties for Tummies project during Mandela Week last year, is proof of this. About 4000 toasted sandwiches were prepared for the needy in Stellenbosch and distributed.

"If we create more opportunities for staff to be involved, I believe we will see more staff getting involved."

With this goal in mind, MCS, along with the Division for Community Interaction, has developed a two-day course in "Experiential Learning for Staff Volunteers" that will kick off in May. The course will be facilitated by Grant Demas of the Postgraduate and International Office.

The course is similar to the accredited student courses, Leadership through Community Interaction and Introduction to Student-Led Volunteer Initiatives, which are offered jointly by MCS and the Frederik van Zyl Slabbert Leadership Institute.

"The staff course will offer

an introduction to community development, with basic principles and practices on community interaction being shared," says Pietersen.

Other sections that will be covered include "A Framework for Volunteerism at Stellenbosch University", presented by Dr Jerome Slamet, Senior Director: Community Interaction.

"We will also discuss how to set up a project plan and implement that plan with the budget at your disposal. We want staff to not only understand and apply community development principles; we want to expand their skills, for example, with regards to writing project proposals, implementing that proposal and reporting back on a plan."

The course will include a day of teaching with a follow-up session where participants will present their community interaction project plan to the facilitator. "In this way, we will be able to see whether they have incorporated the theoretical knowledge they have learnt."

Pietersen hopes the course will better prepare staff for volunteerism and increase involvement in community interaction projects. "Over the past few years we've seen a greater involvement of staff in community interaction projects on campus and in departments, as well as an increase in enquiries about volunteer opportunities. We want people to



First-year students of Nerina women's residence sanding and prepping the doors at the Youth Outreach Centre for painting.

Photos: LYNNE RIPPENAAR-MOSES

enter communities with the knowledge they will need to do their work properly and to be clear about the things that will happen. This prevents people from going in unprepared and making huge, often avoidable, mistakes."

Providing training for students before they enter communities have worked well.

"The Community Interaction morning for students went really well this year. The first-years went to volunteer at projects that were selected by their residences or PSOs as community projects for 2014. The students could therefore become orientated to the area they were going to work in in future."

Jean Rossouw, a first-year from Huis Marais residence, said that he jumped at the opportunity to assist the Youth Outreach Centre near Du Toit station, an interim facility for children who have been legally removed from their parents by the Children's Court.

"All of us want South Africa to be a great country and participating in this community interaction project is a way to make a contribution. If we all just did our part and helped those who needed it, we will have the kind of country we want. A lot of students here are privileged and painting the bedroom doors of the youth centre in bright colours is a small way we can make a big difference and give back to the community."

Pietersen agrees: "Most of the time, you don't need money to do community interaction. It is the assets we already have as a volunteer and a community that can help improve a situation. We can use our skills and gifts and share that with people in order to make a difference. However, it is important to remember that volunteering is about making a commitment. If you commit on a



Simonsberg first-years Andile Simanga and Edwin Bunge paint some of the tyres surrounding the flower beds to add colour to the school grounds at St Vincent's Roman Catholic Primary School in Koelenhof.

daily, weekly or monthly basis to do something, you have to do it. Your word is your honour."

• For more details about the staff course, contact Naweel Mullajie of MCS at 021 808 3638.

SUNLearn is die toekoms

inligtings- en kommunikasietegnologie (IKT) speel 'n kardinale rol in die leer- en onderrig aanbod van 'n universiteit en die sentrale webgebaseerde leerbestuurstelsel is tans 'n belangrike deel van die US se e-Leer-ekosisteem.

Dié webgebaseerde leerplatform het oor die jare verskeie name gehad, soos WebCT, Webstudies, Blackboard, Moodle en eMaties. Maar SUNLearn vervang nou al hierdie stelsels as die US se nuwe leerplatform.

SUNLearn is 'n oopbron-leerplatform vir leer en onderrig wat vermengde leer bevorder en gereed is om met mobiele toestelle te integreer.

"Dit kan 'n katalisator wees vir 'n geïntegreerde en innoverende herdisk van wat leer en onderrig kan wees soos ons dieper die 21ste eeu inbeweeg met al sy opvoedkundige uitdagings en geleenthede," sê dr JP Bosman, Hoof: Sentrum vir Leertegnologieë.

Innovasie verwys na 'n veranderende manier waarop dosente die klaskamer gebruik – 'n nuwe verstaan van

die leeromgewing en hoe om by leeruitkomstes uit te kom. "Tegnologie kan nie net iets wees wat bygelas word nie; dit moet deel vorm van die kurrikulum en die bereiking van leeruitkomstes," meen Bosman.

"Maak SUNLearn die hart van jou leer-en-onderrig-ekosisteem deur inhoud, kommunikasie, samewerking en assessering te integreer tot 'n betekenisvolle vermenging van pedagogiese benaderings," is sy raad.

Die eerste semester en jaarmodules vir 2014 is reeds na SUNLearn oorgedra en die tweede semester se modules word nou daarop geskep.

Die stelsel is steeds maklik om te gebruik vir personeel en studente

en nie heeltemal onbekend nie. Dit behou dieselfde eienskappe en gebruikervriendelikheid wat eMaties gebied het.

Die US se Sentrum vir Leertegnologieë bied 'n opleidingskursus aan om personeel meer vertrouwd te maak met SUNLearn. Die sentrum bied ook 'n kortkursus in vermengde leer aan om dosente tuis te maak hoe om tegnologiese leer en onderrig te integreer.

Die SUNLearn-steundiensspan kan by learn@sun.ac.za of 021 808 2443 / 9194 / 2993 bereik word. Gaan na <http://learn.sun.ac.za> en klik op fasiliteerderopleiding (personeel) om vir 'n kursus te registreer. – PIA NANNY



When in doubt, declare your interests

We are in an age where our careers present diverse opportunities – and these days, most people have multiple interests. But this may also lead into the murky waters of conflicts of interest.

From nine to five you might work permanently for Stellenbosch University, but you might also serve on an advisory committee, be a partner in a private business with family members, or share your knowledge with various private companies. But even if you do not have outside interests, you might have accepted a generous gift from a company your department or division has dealt with.

These could all potentially represent a conflict of interest – something that you should declare.

Simply put, a conflict of interest occurs when someone's primary interest (for example, your work at SU) is influenced in any way by your secondary interest (for instance, your position on an advisory committee).

In April 2013, the University Council approved an institutional policy on conflicts of interest, and SU's Division of Research Development (DRD) was appointed curators of this policy.

Dr Therina Theron, Senior Director: Research and Innovation, says as

curators of this policy, the DRD is responsible to raise awareness of the policy, to revise it, and to provide advice and guidance to staff regarding its implementation.

"The division will also monitor policy implementation, in close collaboration with the Deans and Divisional Heads. External audits are expected on a regular basis, as strict rules regarding the avoidance of conflicts of interest in the higher education sector have been stipulated in the Higher Education Act of South Africa," says Theron.

But what is a conflict of interest and how does one recognize it? A widely used definition comes from the academics Bernard Lo and Marilyn J. Field (2009): "A conflict of interest is a set of circumstances that creates a risk that professional judgment or actions regarding a primary interest will be unduly influenced by a secondary interest."

Simply put, a conflict of interest occurs when someone's primary interest (for example, your work at SU) is influenced in any way by your secondary interest (for instance, your position on an advisory committee). Having secondary interests is essentially not wrong, but it could be a problem

when secondary interests have greater weight than primary interests.

To understand it even better, here are some of the most common forms of conflicts of interest:

- **Self-dealing:** An official who controls an organisation causes it to

Policy in practice

The policy not only serves to protect SU's reputation as an ethically responsible institution but also protects the activities and reputation of each member of the institution. If you think you find yourself in a situation of a conflict of interest, declare it according to the stipulations of the SU policy to your direct line manager. It is often difficult for those involved in a transaction to recognize a potential conflict of interest, or what needs to be done to avoid any real conflict of interest. This is why the declaration is normally approved by two levels of line management above the person declaring the potential conflict.

After disclosure there are a number of ways to avoid a real conflict of interest, including complete avoidance of a transaction, recusal from the decision-making process, or independent third-party evaluations. The desired outcome is that any real conflicts of interest at SU will be completely avoided by making the appropriate management decisions and putting management structures in place for transactions where potential conflicts exist.

Always remember, says Theron, the responsibility for the implementation of this policy rests with each individual, and with each operational unit within the university.

"The necessary processes for the implementation of the policy must be established in each academic department, research entity, faculty or support division," says Theron.

- Visit www.sun.ac.za/research and follow the links to SU's policy documents.

enter into a transaction with the official, or with another organisation that benefits the official. The official is on both sides of the deal.

- **Outside employment:** The interests of one job contradict another.

- **Family interests and nepotism:** When a spouse, child, or other close relative is employed (or applies for employment) or where goods or services are purchased from a relative or a firm controlled by a relative. For this reason, many employment applications ask whether you are related to a current employee. If so, the relative could then recuse from any hiring decisions.

- **Gifts:** From friends who also do business with the person receiving the gifts. Such gifts may include non-tangible things of value such as transportation and lodging.

If these sound familiar and you're asking yourself if there might be a need for you to officially declare your secondary interests, you should consult SU's new policy on conflicts of interest.

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"The formulation and implementation of the policy represent part of an ongoing effort to ensure that SU adheres to internationally acknowledged standards of good corporate governance and professional practice. It ensures that SU can continue to receive and manage major research grants and other funding streams from across the globe.

"Increasingly our funders wish to know that we subscribe to the highest possible standards of good corporate governance. Responsibly managing potential conflicts of interest represents one of the crucial pieces of this puzzle," says Theron.

As advice, she says, the main take-home message of this policy is: "When in doubt, declare!"

Droom-swembad



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Die Universiteit Stellenbosch se jare lange droom van 'n nuwe Olimpiesestandaardswembad is bewaarheid. Dié verhitte 50m lange swembad – die modernste swembad in sy soort in Suid-Afrika – is in Februarie by Coetzenburg ingewy.

Die oorspronklike Coetzenburg-swembad is in 1940 geopen en het vir bykans 70 jaar diens gedoen. Nou voldoen die nuwe swembad volledig aan nasionale en Olimpiese standaarde vir swem, asook vir watersporte soos waterpolo en onderwaterhokkie.

Dit bied watersportlui die nodige voorpunt-sporttegnologie en toegang tot hoëprestasie-navorsing. Dit sal as bate en spilpunt vir watersportaktiwiteite gebruik word, aangesien dit die eerste verhitte 50m-bad in die Wynlandstreek is.

Die projek is deur die Universiteit befonds met 'n ruim bewilling van die Remgro Groep. Kragtens dié ooreenkoms word 'n gedeelte van die swembad se kapasiteit tot beskikking van die Stellenbosch Akademie vir Sport (SAS) gestel.

By die inwydingsgeleentheid het prof Russel Botman, US-rektor, gesê daar is geen kompromieë aangegaan wat die gehalte van die swembad betref nie.

Jannie Durand, Uitvoerende Hoof van Remgro, het die US gelukgewens en gesê dit is 'n voorreg om by die projek betrokke te wees.

Die swembad is onder leiding van die US se Afdeling Beplanning

en Ontwikkeling ontwerp en in samewerking met Platinum Sport-konsultante gebou. Die kontrakteur was CSV Konstruksie. Die graswalde aan weerskante word behou, waar toeskouers tydens byeenkomste op verskuifbare paviljoene kan sit.

Eienskappe soos randvloei-tegnologie, 'n eenvormige diepte van 2m en Olimpiese wegspringblokke onderskei die Coetzenburg-swembad van enige ander in die land. Dit beskik ook oor die infrastruktuur vir stroboskopiese ligte vir pasaangewing en onderwaterverfilming.

Pierre de Roubaix, hoofafgrigter van Maties Swem, sê die US kan nou saampraat met ander voorste instellings in die land wat reeds oor goeie swembaddens beskik.

"Dié swembad het geen gelyke in Suid-Afrika nie. Die beste swembaddens – soos dié in Durban, Port Elizabeth, Oos-Londen en Johannesburg – beskik afsonderlik oor van die eienskappe wat hoë-tegnologiese swembaddens van die res onderskei, maar hierdie bad beskik oor al hierdie noodsaaklike eienskappe, wat dit die beste in die land maak.

"Dit gons in die internasionale sportgemeenskap oor hierdie swembad. Stellenbosch bied hulle nou 'n Olimpiese swembad, 'n tartan-atletiekbaan én vele oefenroetes in die berg en op die pad vir hardloop en fietsry," het hy gesê. – MARTIN VILJOEN



Sasol Winners exhibit their art

Art works by the winners of the Sasol New Signatures Competition 2013 is currently on exhibition at SU's Sasol Art Museum in Ryneveld Street. The winners are emerging South Africa talent, and their works are in a range of different styles.

Established by the Association of Arts Pretoria, this competition aims to showcase the best of South Africa's diverse art fraternity. Sasol New Signatures has become an integral competition in the world of arts, lifting the profile of the talent in the country whilst providing a strong platform to evaluate and appreciate the arts.

According to a press release, Sasol is committed to exploring new and innovative ways to unite and unlock the potential of South Africans. "Its belief in the talent of emerging artists finds expression in the Sasol New Signatures art competition."

The art competition is a springboard for emerging artists who are 18 years and older to launch their careers. The competition not only welcomes traditional art forms but also encourages participants who represent contemporary aspects of visual art, like digital and even performance art.

Countrywide participation in this competition is facilitated by the provision of seven national collection points where works are handed in prior to the judging process.

The exhibition in the SU Art Museum includes the work of the overall winner for 2013, Dot Vermeulen; runner-up Jacques Andre du Toit; and the five merit winners, Theko Boshomane, Liberty Battson, Karen Pretorius, Lindi Lombard, and the collaborative work of Haroon Gunn-Salie and Alfred Kamanga.

Also on show are works by Ingrid Bolton, winner of the 2012 competition.

About her work in this exhibition, Bolton says: "One of my influences has been the way Italian artist Alighiero Boetti used building materials in his 1960s Arte Povera work. In my exhibition *Connect Disconnect*, I have deconstructed copper cables by breaking them down into individual strands and reconstructing it in different forms. My work investigates the way that a global demand for copper has had micro and macro implications for South Africans, as well as for the greater global community."

The Sasol New Signatures exhibition can be viewed until Saturday, 29 March.



A work by Dot Vermeulen.



Airtime by Ingrid Bolton.

● Lunch-time

In Beyers Street, the alley next to Eikestad Mall, a new sushi and Asian restaurant, Watami, opened recently.

It is a small restaurant that one can easily miss when walking past the many shops that line the alley. But you shouldn't give their food a miss.

For such a small establishment, Watami has quite an extensive menu with loads of options of sushi and Asian dishes to choose from.

Those who love Thai food can tuck into some red or green curry, or a Thai sweet basil stir-fry. For some flavours from China, try the Chop Suey, cashew nut stir-fry, or the sweet and sour deep-fried meat.

On the menu you will also find interesting starters and soups for lunch.

If you prefer sushi, you'll be glad to know their sushi is half-price everyday – from the usual California and Maki rolls to tempura rolls and the Chef Choice rolls, as well as a variety of platters.



● Read

A meaningful narrative of hope and dread, the "slow violence" of poverty, and the often contradictory promises of development planning – these themes are all addressed in the book *Winlands, Wealth and Work: Transformations in the Dwars River Valley*, edited by Prof Kees van der Waal, professor in Sociology and Social Anthropology at SU.

The book was launched in February at two separate events.

"After moving from Gauteng to the Cape in 2002 and having studied aspects of social transformation in rural areas of former homelands in the Limpopo Province, I found a new field for anthropological research in

This month, Kampusnuus gives you some items for your to-do list. The Stellenbosch International Piano Symposium, which presents a week of concerts by local and world-class pianists, is in March. Prof Kees van der Waal edited a new book on the Dwars River Valley with interesting research. Or pop into Watami restaurant for some sushi and Asian cuisine.

● Luister

Die US Konservatorium hou in Maart weer sy tweejaarlikse Stellenbosch Internasionale Klaviersimposium. Dié simposium word sedert 2006 met groot sukses aangebied.

Vanjaar word die simposium van 25 tot 29 Maart aangebied. Dit het ten doel om internasionale en nasionale pianiste byeen te bring vir vyf dae van meesterklasse, lesings en konserte.

Simposiumgangers en leerders kry verder toegang tot een van Suid-Afrika se mees invloedryke musiekinstellings, en in geheel bied dit 'n ongeëwenaarde vlak van blootstelling aan top-musici.

In 2012 is die simposium verder uitgebrei deur die herinstelling van die Hennie Joubert-klavierkompetisie vir begaafde jeug van Suid-Afrika.

Dié kompetisie is in 1982 ingestel en word nou as deel van die Klaviersimposium deur die Musiekdepartement aangebied word.

Sommige van vandag se voorste Suid-Afrikaanse pianiste was al finaliste in die Hennie Joubert-klavierkompetisie

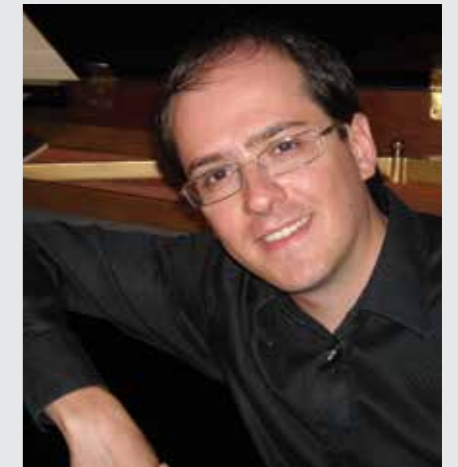
toe hulle op hoërskool was.

Die simposium hou elke aand van die week konserte deur vooraanstaande pianiste, en vanjaar is drie oorsese gaskunstenaars genooi.

Die Italianer Roberto Plano (foto) het in 2001 die Cleveland Clibum-klavierkompetisie gewen en was ook 'n pryswenner in talle ander internasionale kompetisies. Benewens 'n omvangryke internasionale konsertloopbaan is hy 'n begaafde onderwyser wie se meestersklasse hoog aangeskryf word.

Marina Lomazov ontvang te midde van 'n internasionale konsertloopbaan wyd erkenning vir haar opwindende spel. Die Oekraïens-Amerikaanse pianis is 'n pryswenner van die Cleveland Internasionale Klavierkompetisie, William Kapell-, Gina Bachauer-, asook die Hilton Head Internasionale Klavierkompetisies.

Idith Zvi is 'n Israelse pianis en het aan die Rubin Akademie in Tel Aviv en Mannes College, New York gegradueer. Haar loopbaan as uitvoerende pianis



het haar reeds na Israel, Europa en Noord-Amerika geneem.

Sedert 2003 is sy die direkteur van die Arthur Rubinstein Internasionale Musiekvereniging. Sy beklee ook vele ander posisies en het pryse ontvang vir haar innoverende werk binne die Israelse kultuurlewe.

Besoek www.sun.ac.za/music vir die simposium se volledige program en kaartjebesonderhede.

the processes of social transformation in the Cape Winelands," says Van der Waal.

"I decided to focus on an area close to Stellenbosch in the rural Dwars River Valley around Boschendal where important changes were taking place that strongly affected the lives of farm workers and the people in the small towns of Kylemore, Lanquedoc and Pniel."

Van der Waal says the land was effectively turned from vineyards into lifestyle estates, known as "gentleman's farming". These changes involved the resettlement of all farmworkers in a social housing scheme and led to several social readjustments that evoked important research questions

around the logic and working of planning, socio-economic adaptation and identity.

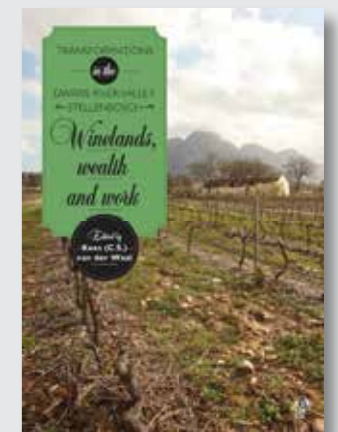
Postgraduate students and established researchers contributed to a cooperative research project on social transformation in the valley, with a focus on the years between 2003 and 2013.

Van der Waal added that the intention of the book is to contribute to knowledge about social transformation and development planning in this part of the world, based on qualitative research.

The book is written in an accessible style and is richly illustrated with beautiful photographs by Nina Swart.

"The chapters cover events and

relationships going back to slavery, the establishment of mission settlements and contested farm labour relations up to the present," Van der Waal says.



Snack time

During your eight-hour working day you will most certainly crave something to snack. Make sure you make a healthy choice. Here are some tips.

There is never enough time in the workday, is there? And one of the ways many of us try to save a little time is by eating snacks (and even our lunches) at our desks.

Aside from the fact that it's good for mind, body and soul to have breaks during the workday, this desktop dining habit is a potential health disaster, according to nutrition experts. Here are a few reasons why:

- When people snack at their desks, they tend to eat fast and furiously. And if you eat fast, you're more likely to eat more than you need.
- Often the snacks we eat are high in fat and sugar, like chips and chocolates.
- Studies have shown that when we snack because of stress or boredom (not out of hunger), the calories we consume tend to be "extra" calories. In other words, we don't compensate by eating less at the next meal or by waiting longer until the next meal.

So how do you overcome these pitfalls? One answer is to put aside your work for those few minutes you're eating and take time to really enjoy your food. Another is to make sure you choose healthy workplace snacks composed of foods you should fit into your daily diet anyway, like fruit, vegetables, nuts, whole grains, and yogurt.



Here are some tips to make sure you eat healthily at work:

1. Go for the grain. Whole-grain snacks, such as whole-grain crackers like Provitas, air popped popcorn and rice cakes, can give you some energy with staying power.
2. Try a "hi-low" combination. Combine a small amount of something with healthy fat, like peanut butter, with a larger amount of something very light, like apple slices or celery sticks.
3. Go nuts. Unsalted nuts and seeds make great snacks. Almonds, walnuts, peanuts, roasted pumpkin seeds, cashews, hazelnuts, filberts, and other nuts and seeds contain many beneficial nutrients and are more likely to leave you feeling full. Nuts have lots of calories, so keep portion sizes small.
4. The combo snack. Try to eat more than one food group (protein, fat, carbohydrate) at each snacking session. For example, have a few nuts (protein and fat) and some grapes (carbohydrates). Try some whole-grain crackers (carbohydrate) with some low-fat cheese (protein and fat). These balanced snacks will keep you feeling satisfied for longer.
5. Boiled eggs. Eggs are not just for breakfast; they are a great source of protein throughout the day. Boil some eggs at night and keep in the fridge during the day at work. With 14 essential nutrients, eggs are simply one of the best snacks you can eat.

6. Vegetable sticks. Carrots, celery and cucumber are a great alternative to crackers. Dip in hummus or cottage cheese and you have the perfect snack.

Sources: Harvard Health Publications (<http://www.health.harvard.edu/>) and WebMD.com

Studentewerwing is haar kos

Christelle Feyt, wat in November 2013 by die US aangesluit het as die nuwe Senior Direkteur: Voornemende Studente, ken universiteite se werksaamhede goed – veral ná haar lang loopbaan in studentewerwing aan die Nelson Mandela Metropolitaanse Universiteit (NMMU) in Port Elizabeth. KAMPUSNUUS het meer oor haar gaan uitvind.

Vertel ons van jou agtergrond en waar jy vandaan kom. Ek is in Mpumalanga gebore en het in die hart van KwaZulu-Natal en op die sagter soom van die Vrystaat grootgeword. Ek is 'n oud-Kovsie en het die afgelope agttien jaar leer lief word vir die Oos-Kaap. Boonop was my pa 'n geswore Kapenaar en ek het gewéét Tafelberg sal my een of ander tyd nader trek. Die geografiese en kulturele diversiteit van ons land het nog altyd 'n groot impak op my gehad.

Ek is baie lief vir lees – veral nie-fiksie – en ewe lief vir wyn en jazz. Dis 'n redelik voorspelbare kombinasie! Universiteitsdorpe reg oor die wêreld fassineer my en ek is heel in my skik om nou hier te bly – so met Kaapstad en die see 'n klipgooi ver!

Jy kom van die NMMU in Port Elizabeth, wat sekerlik 'n heel ander kampuskultuur as Stellenbosch het. Wat was vir jou die grootste aanpassings oor die afgelope paar maande in jou werk hier by die US?

Die "tuis voel" by die US het die aanpassingspyne oortref. Daar is wel baie ooreenstemming tussen universiteite wat vaartbelyn en effektief bedryf word, maar terselfdertyd is dit ook opwindend om te leer uit die verskillende werklikhede waarmee universiteite te make het en hoe dit benader word. Op 'n ligte trant: die grootste aanpassing sover was om nie soggens meer langs die see werk toe te kan ry nie!

Wat omtrent die US en spesifiek sy werksaamhede rondom studentewerwing het jou laat besluit om hierheen te kom?

Dit is nie moeilik om voornemende studente en die algemene publiek te oortuig van die US se uitnemendheid nie. Dit is 'n voorreg om met die US geassosieer te word. Ek beskou dit ook as belangrik om dit wat die US bied, juis vanweë die diversiteit van ons Suid-Afrikaanse samelewing, toeganklik te maak vir 'n wyer studentemark. Studentewerwing by die US fokus toenemend om die universiteit as 'n voorkeurkeuse onder 'n wyer verskeidenheid van studente te vestig. Ek wil graag deel wees van hierdie proses.

Jou pos as Senior Direkteur: Voornemende Studente is nuutgeskep met die herstrukturering van daardie afdeling verlede jaar. Watter uitdagings en geleenthede bied dit vir jou om vorm te gee aan hierdie funksie?

Herstrukturering bring noodwendig veranderinge mee, maar dit skep ook terselfdertyd 'n geleentheid om nuut te kyk



Christelle Feyt

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na hoe ons kan bydra tot effektiwiteitsverbetering en groter waardetoevoeging binne die US. Die saamgroepering en integrasie van dienste wat op mekaar inspeel is 'n gesonde besigheidspraktyk en boonop is so 'n benadering ten opsigte van dienslewering aan voornemende studente en verwante teikengroepe binne en buite die universiteit 'n beproefde wenresep wat by baie internasionale universiteite gevolg word. 'n Geïntegreerde benadering bied ook vir ons afdeling 'n geleentheid om nog nader aan fakulteite te beweeg om hulle te sterk in hul pogings om inskrywingsteikens te bereik.

Wat is van jou planne en vooruitsigte vir die afdeling, veral omdat julle met 'n mark werk wat in 'n snelveranderende wêreld leef?

Die Afdeling Voornemende Studente huisves studentewerwing, loopbaanadvies, toelating, koshuispasing, beurse en lenings, sowel as die kontak- en kliëntedienssentrum. Ons het ten doel om hierdie funksies in 'n soomlose eenstopdiens te integreer wat op 'n effektiewe en vaartbelynde wyse die navrae en behoeftes van voornemende studente en verwante teikengroepe sal kan hanteer. Daarvoor het ons nodig om ons praktyke, prosedures, stelsels en manier van kommunikeer te fokus en te verfyn – veral inaggenome die feit dat ons teikenmark ongeduldig en wêreldwys is.

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Prof Lindy Heineken of the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at SU delivered her inaugural lecture on Tuesday, 11 February. The title of her address was "The Military, War and Society: 'The Achilles Heel' of Sociology and the need for reflection". Pictured here with Heineken are Prof Eugene Cloete, Vice-Rector (Research and Innovation), and Prof Johan Hattingh, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.
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Prof Wolfgang Huber, Honorary Professor of Theological Ethics at the Universities of Berlin and Heidelberg and also fellow of the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS), was the speaker at the first public STIAS lecture of 2014 on Monday, 17 February. He spoke about universal human rights and the role civil society campaigns play in the promotion of these human rights. Huber will be awarded an honorary doctorate by SU in April.
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Trevor Manuel, minister in die presidensie, het nie doekies omgedraai met die boodskap wat hy aan die gehoor by die Teologiese Dag van die US se Fakulteit Teologie oorgedra het nie: Suid-Afrikaners skeep demokrasie en hul verantwoordelikheid as aktiewe burgers in die samelewing af. Hy was die hoofspreekster by dié dag wat op Maandag 3 Februarie aangebied is. Dit het ook as die opening van die Fakulteit se akademiese jaar gedien. Die tema was "Kerke, Teologie en Sosio-ekonomiese Kontekste in Suid-Afrika Vandag", en Manuel het die Nasionale Ontwikkelingsplan as die raamwerk vir sy toespraak gebruik.
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