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EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the first edition of THE EDGE for 2017. In this edition, read all about Mr and Miss DUT students, Nkululeka Mbatha and Lungile Ngcobo, who have not allowed their rural origins to stand in their way of dreaming big and making their dreams come true. While they both love modelling, they also highly note that having an education is the most important thing any individual can equip themselves with.

In the fashion arena, Fashion design student, Leandi Mulder won the prestigious 2016 Emma Smith Art Scholarship Award. She also scooped the most commercial range on the show award at the 2016 annual DUT Fashion show. If you want to learn more about this young lass, making a name for herself in the world of fashion, read her exciting article on Page 3.

DUT has so many young, talented individuals and some of those rising stars are featured in this issue. Read about Nosipho Gumbi who is doing her internship at Abu Dhabi's Park Hyatt Hotel until July 2017.

Another rising star is Tourism student, Sipiwe William. This year, 2017, it would be the first time that DUT has sent off one of its own to be accommodated in Germany.

Another rising star is Suveshan Pather, a second-year Information and Technology Software Development student at DUT, who was recently chosen as a Microsoft Student Partner (MSP) in 2016. He created a cross-platform app which is targeted at business owners. It records employee's personal details and stores them in a database. So get reading!

We look forward to hearing your views on this magazine. Send them to waheedap@dut.ac.za. You can also like the Durban University of Technology on Facebook and Twitter or go to the DUT website www.dut.ac.za and click on the Facebook link. This will lead you to the DUT page. We welcome any feedback concerning the magazine. Until the next time, have a happy read!

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THIRD YEAR: SOMATOLOGY STUDENT

PHUMEZA MSONGELWA



Q: Why did you choose to study at DUT?

A: My family wanted me to study at an University that was closer to home.

Q: What is your field of study and why did you choose it?

A: I am currently doing my third year in Somatology. When I was young I had very low self-esteem so when I did some research on Somatology I appreciated the fact that it improves a person's physical, mental and emotional well-being. I decided to study it because I wanted to give people something that I never had which was feeling good about myself.

Q: So far how has the course been for you?

A: It's been a roller-coaster but it's been great, we get to work and learn about new people everyday.

Q: What is the broader definition of Somatology to you?

A: People think we just do massages but Somatology is the study of the human body inside and out as well as the beauty of it.

Q: Whilst studying Somatology what has been the most memorable moment for you?

A: My most memorable moment was working at the Comrades' Marathon.

Q: What are some of the challenges one is likely to face as a Somatologist?

A: People who come to the clinic have very high expectations of us and the clinic so I would say exceeding everyone's expectations is a challenge for me.

Q: What are some of your plans upon completion of study?

A: After my Diploma I would like to work on a cruise to different countries at least for a year then I will like to come back and do my BTech degree in Somatology.

Q: What advice would you give to someone who also wants to pursue the same career path as you?

A: Somatology is about passion, you must really have a passion for working with people or you won't survive in this industry.

IF YOU HAVE THE EDGE, WE WANT YOU

THE Edge is looking for students who will contribute towards writing articles, photography as well as review the latest technology gadgets. If you want to join the team, contact Waheeda Peters, Communications Officer on waheedap@dut.ac.za or visit the office on the Steve Biko Campus, Gate I, Botanic Mansions Building, Division of Corporate Affairs, First Floor.

DIGITAL ENHANCES YOUR LEARNING AT DUT

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THE DURBAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AIMS TO SUPPORT STUDENTS' LEARNING THROUGH APPROPRIATE USE OF TECHNOLOGY. THIS IS PRIMARILY ACHIEVED THROUGH USE OF DUT'S ONLINE LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, THE THINKLEARNZONE.



What is digital learning or e-learning?

Digital or e-learning can mean any use of technology that assists your learning. For example, you might use a smartboard in class, or do an online quiz, or look at your lecture notes on your cellphone, or perhaps record your own video as part of an assignment. But when we talk about e-Learning at DUT, this usually refers to the ThinkLearnZone.

What is the ThinkLearnZone?

The ThinkLearnZone (TLZ) is where you will find online 'classrooms' for all your taught modules, based on your DUT registration: <http://thinklearnzone.dut.ac.za/>. ThinkLearnZone uses the Blackboard Learn platform so you may also hear it referred to as Blackboard. It is important to log on to TLZ because this is where you will find Study Guides and any other course materials, such as video clips or quizzes. TLZ can also be used to communicate with

you, for example when a lecturer sends out an announcement, or allows you to work interactively with others in the class through sharing journals or chatting on discussion forums.

How can I keep up with what is happening on TLZ?

TLZ connects to your DUT4Life email, so if a lecturer sends an 'Announcement' or adds new materials to the classroom a message will go through to this email. So make sure you know how to access your DUT4Life email! Did you know you can set up your DUT4Life to forward email on to your preferred email address? You can find a guide showing you how to do this on the FAQ Students section of the e-learning helpdesk site: <http://elearning.dut.ac.za>

Can I use TLZ on my phone or mobile device?

Yes - either use the link <http://thinklearnzone.dut.ac.za> or you can download

the Blackboard Mobile Learn Student App, which is free to DUT students.

What if I haven't used a computer or technology before?

Every year many students join DUT who have not yet had the opportunity to work with computers. Your lecturers are aware of this and you should be given instruction on how to access the TLZ. If you don't have your own device the libraries and some of the laboratories on campus provide devices where you can practice and develop your skills. Getting to grip with computers and technology is vital for your future career, so take the opportunity to develop your skills whilst at DUT.

Where can I find out how to log in?

You can find Frequently Asked Questions such as how to log in to TLZ at the TLZ Helpdesk site: <http://elearning.dut.ac.za/>. You can also email the TLZ helpdesk at edtechadmin@dut.ac.za or phone them on 031 373 6758.

How does e-Learning help me?

e-Learning gives you access to the means to study outside of the classroom at any time of day which suits you. Although it is not a substitute for lectures, it can make it easier to catch up if you have missed a class. It also makes it easier to communicate in a timely way with your lecturer as you don't have to wait for class but can send a message using TLZ. Online quizzes can help you test your own knowledge before you reach an assessment stage. Working online with others in your class to complete projects and engaging in online discussions, helps to prepare you for the digital workplace you will be entering one day.

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE WITH DUT'S ONAKO BOYA

AKRAM PETERS

FOR DUT'S ONAKO BOYA, STUDYING FOR HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGEMENT WAS ACADEMICALLY THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR HER.

However, securing the right internship was daunting but that also worked out perfectly, thanks to DUT's Co-operative Education Department. The Co-operative Education is an integrated approach to higher education which combines academic learning with associated workplace experience achieved via the relationship between the University, its students, industry and the community. It includes experiential learning/in-service training (IST) which requires the placement of a student in a relevant industry for work integrated learning, with the emphasis being on the student learning by doing.

Boya is working at the ZeeTV Miss India International Pageant 2017 with pageant organiser, Mr Farook Khan, where she is learning all about the public relations industry and how to plan a high profile event.

"Currently I have met Kimara Jamun, winner of ZeeTV Miss India South Africa International 2016, a pageant we are currently working on to crown the winner of 2017. Kimara is a dynamic, committed and hard working

person. Kimara inspires me to always believe in myself," she added.

For Boya the Co-operative Education Department plays a vital role at DUT in producing employable graduates with experience. Shakeel Ori, DUT Co-Operative Education Unit Director, added that his department has long-standing relationships with many companies and consider DUT students as their first choice. If companies do not have funding for training, the companies inform DUT and DUT often source funding from other sources like the SETAs.

"Co-op @ DUT targets all industries, including local, regional and national Government departments and community organisations. The aim is to place as many students in jobs as possible – if not all. Sometimes, Co-op sources the funding and the company or organisation – but has difficulty finding the students – often because the academic department has not informed the student to lodge their CV's with us. To address this, we are requesting all faculties and students to make use of the IT-based OLUMS system, which will allow Co-op to track the students from first year," he said.



Pictured: Onako Boya with the ZeeTV Miss India International Pageant 2017 team.

Ori did reiterate that they encourage students to attend the World of Work (WOW) at DUT – so that they can interact with potential employers and funders which will be held on 1 and 2 August 2017.

MR AND MISS DUT WIN AGAINST ALL ODDS

THE EDGE REPORTER NOXOLO MEMELA SPOKE TO THE DYNAMIC AND GORGEOUS WINNERS OF MR AND MISS DUT 2016/2017.



Pictured: Mr and Miss DUT with Ntando Duma.

Despite all odds, Mr DUT, Nkululeko Mbatha and Miss DUT, Lungile Ngcobo have not allowed their rural origins to stand in their way of dreaming big and making their dreams come true.

Born and bred in Ulundi in the rural parts of Mahlabathini, Mbatha has always loved modelling and although he had tried a few times for the Mr DUT title, the setbacks arising from him winning the title did not deter his passion to one day be the winner of this prestigious competition. The road was not easy for him, as well as for Pietermaritzburg's Ngcobo, who tried her luck in the competition in 2015 but did not succeed, only to be crowned Miss DUT 2016/2017 in her second attempt.

"I first entered the Miss DUT competition in 2015 but unfortunately did not win, however, although I had the experience from 2015. The journey to being Miss DUT has been rather tough but I am grateful because it has taught me so much, in particular, stuff about myself and how to handle different situations in different environments," said Ngcobo.

Her modelling career began when she first entered the Mr and Miss DUT 2015 competition. When she first entered she knew very little about modelling and its criteria, however, modelling had always been one of her dreams. Little did she know that her being crowned Miss DUT will automatically secure her entry into the Mr and Miss South Africa Campus 2017/2018 competition which she also won.

For 22-year-old Mr DUT, he first tried his luck in modelling as early as 2014, where he entered the Mr and Miss Green Campus competition and secured the first runner-up position. Mbatha was also automatically entered for the Mr and Miss South Africa Campus 2017/2018 competition where he was crowned the first runner-up.

"I have always known about the Mr and Miss SA Campus 2017/2018 competition and when I first watched it on TV in 2013, little did I know that one day I will be part of the same competition. The journey has been a great one filled with so much experience," said Mbatha.

Both Mbatha and Ngcobo are currently DUT students. Mbatha is completing his National Diploma in Public Relations and Communications Management at ML Sultan Campus, whilst Ngcobo is currently doing her Bachelor of Technology Degree in Management Studies at the Riverside Campus, in the Midlands Centre. The two gorgeous students have ambitions of taking their modelling skills into commercial modelling and also doing fashion shows.

While they both love modelling, they also highly note that having an education is the most important thing any individual can equip themselves with. "My studies take first priority and before I break into any other national or international platform in modelling, I need to make sure that my studies are sorted," said Mbatha.

Echoing similar sentiments, Ngcobo believes that with education nobody can go wrong in making a success of their modelling or any hobby that has the potential of being a career path as well.

"Yes, modelling can be a career but with every hobby that is of this nature, you must always have your education to fall back on and not solely rely on modelling to carry you through life. With modelling there are always new models entering the market, therefore, you can never be too sure that you will always be at the top, that is why completing my studies and making the most of what is exposed to me career wise and where education is concerned, I will dedicate myself to it in the same manner as I give myself to modelling," said Ngcobo.

The dynamic duo have received tremendous support not only from their families but from the University, particularly the Department of Student Governance, their friends and DUT community.

Fact File on Mr DUT: Nkululeko Mbatha

- One of his biggest fears is losing his grandmother who currently takes care of him and his siblings.
- He is a great cook and his grandmother can testify to that.
- He loves being indoors and when he is indoors he catches up on health documentaries.
- He used to be a herd boy and he did this task until he was in grade 9.
- He is allergic to red meat.
- He loves collecting ties and perfumes.
- He has a passion for photography.
- He hopes that when he reaches the age of 30 years he can travel the world.

Fact File on Miss DUT: Lungile Ngcobo

- She is an incredibly good singer.
- She is very shy.
- She does not work out, her model body is simply from good genes.
- She loves food.
- She is terrified of heights.
- She loves giving back to young women and the community at large.
- She is currently part of the drive by DUT students to collect sanitary pads to distribute to young girls from DUT and schools surrounding the DUT community.

LEANDI MULDER WINS 2016 EMMA SMITH ART SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

STHABILE GWALA

LEANDI MULDER, A FASHION DESIGN STUDENT AT THE DURBAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY'S FASHION AND TEXTILES DEPARTMENT, WHOSE COLLECTION IS MADE ENTIRELY OF SECOND HAND FABRICS, WON THE 2016 EMMA SMITH ART SCHOLARSHIP AWARD AT DUT RECENTLY.

Currently doing her Bachelor of Technology (Btech) degree in Fashion, this year, (2017), Mulder said she has always been passionate about fashion and clothing.

Mulder's winning designs debuted at the 2016 annual DUT Fashion Show which was themed 'After Earth', earning her the Most Commercial Range on Show award. The theme tasked 38 third-year Fashion Design students to explore their own vision of our next world through their fashion collections. With this broad theme, students had to look at what their beliefs in fashion were and what they wished to portray to the outside world.

Mulder says she developed the concept for her range whilst living in Japan for two years. She says she was inspired by the Japanese essence of creativity, their simplicity and organic aesthetics.

"When people see the work that has gone into my designs and the concept behind it, they see it as

Pictured: Leandi Mulder, the latest winner of the Emma Smith Art Scholarship Award.

The fashion collection also earned her the Most Commercial Range on Show award at the 2016 annual DUT Fashion Show.

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Models: Ice Models



something very innovative and inspirational," she said. Mulder said a lot of planning and preparation went into designing her concept. She said she worked on the range for an entire year; doing a lot of conceptualising and research on the current state of the fashion industry.

"I wanted my concept to be something I really believed in," she said.

Mulder said she is happy about winning the scholarship, adding that she feels like the scholarship will push her creativity to a different direction.

She will use the money she won as part of the award to travel to Japan to do an internship with a knitwear and textile designer.

NOSIPHO TAKES HOSPITALITY TO DUBAI

NOXOLO MEMELA



BEING YOUNG, AMBITIOUS AND A BIG DREAMER SEES THIRD YEAR HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT STUDENT NOSIPHO GUMBI SECURE AN INTERNSHIP IN DUBAI.

The 20-year-old who hails from a small suburban Park in Newcastle is doing her internship at Abu Dhabi's Park Hyatt Hotel and Villas till July 2017. Gumbi who has always strived for excellence throughout her life is not only about service excellence but a young, intelligent woman with a big heart.

"I am a highly motivated person who enjoys working independently and derive pleasure from helping others," she said. In her two years of study Gumbi has obtained 12 distinctions during her first and second year. Without no doubt, Gumbi is positive that her attitude and her honest, hardworking, mature approach to life, as well as her outspoken and sunny character are what has worked in her favour. "I don't mean to blow my own horn but being well-groomed, trustworthy and having good leadership skills are what have made me to be an easy person to work with," she said.

Gumbi was encouraged by her lecturer and Work Intergrated Learning (WIL) practitioner and mentor, Jaya Naidoo to apply for the internship. It is then that Gumbi submitted her CV to Park Hyatt, Abu Dhabi. A few days later, she received feedback informing her that her CV was one of the profiles that appealed to the hotel's management. The call was followed by a skype interview which she excelled in. "I truly appreciate all the support that I have received from my family, lecturers, mentor (Mr Naidoo) and my friends. I am looking forward to my career advancement journey and the development of my skills," she said excitedly.

Gumbi's love for hospitality began way back while she was in high school with her favourite subjects being Consumer and Hospitality studies. She excelled in both her theory and practicals for Consumer and Hospitality studies. As early as Grade 12 she was selected for a provincial Consumer Studies Olympiad where she had competed against other pupils in KwaZulu-Natal. "When I was selected for that Olympiad I realised that my future is in the hospitality industry. That was when my love of travelling the world and acquiring international experience became my primary goal, then I registered for my first year at DUT," she said happily.

Although Gumbi prefers the service industry, she believes that exposure in both departments (service area and the kitchen) are equally important for anyone in the hospitality industry. Gumbi hopes to further her studies after her diploma and she sees herself as an esteemed businesswoman and a Hospitality Manager in one of the leading hotel groups in South Africa.

Facts on Nosipho:

- She uses a candle to pray and her secret to success is prayer.
- She fasts every Sunday.
- Her small, daily achievements are the key to her achieving her long term goals.
- She involves God in everything that she does.

Nosipho's Advise to Aspiring Students Keen to Join The Hospitality Industry:

- Time management is key and vital in this industry.
- Aspiring to inspire others can do a lot in how you grow in the industry.
- Set goals, be well mannered and be organised.
- Be passionate about the industry and have fun while you are in it
- Stand out, don't be a follower, be a leader.
- A study timetable during your studies is essential.

Quotes That Motivate Nosipho:

- "A winner is a dreamer who never gives up." *Nelson Mandela*
- "Don't be a problem child, be a solution child." *Jaya Naidoo*
- "If it wasn't for God, I don't know where I would be, because I involve God in everything, I conquer everything." *Patron Saints*
- "Every day is not easy, but every new day is a blessing." *Patron Saints*

TOURISM STUDENT OFF TO GERMANY

BONGANI GEMA



DURBAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY TOURISM MANAGEMENT STUDENT SIPHIWE WILLIAM IS IN MUNICH AS THE FIRST EXCHANGE STUDENT RECEIVED BY A UNIVERSITY IN GERMANY FROM DUT.

Over the past years DUT has been receiving a number of international students through the International Student Exchange programme. This year it is the first time that the University has sent off one of its own to be accommodated in Germany.

The 20-year-old was received by the Munich University of Applied Sciences where he is staying for five months under the Erasmus K107 Scholarship. He has been afforded an opportunity to enhance his tourism skills while further exposing him to international tourism trends.

William enrolled for the DUT Tourism and Hospitality course in 2015 and has never looked back. He said it was at DUT that his knowledge about tourism and all the other specific details about the sector broadened.

"I have been doing tourism and hospitality related studies since high school but in those years I had been associating tourism only with food because I'm really passionate about food. It was only when I got to DUT that I began to learn more about the different areas of the tourism sector that I previously had no clue about," he said.

William added that had it not been for the introductory course that he did, he probably would have ended up as a chef which is where his other passion lies.

Leaving his birthplace, West-Rand in Gauteng for Durban, William said it was a calculated move. He said he has always seen Durban as a tourism melting pot and so when he made the decision in high school that he was going to study tourism, DUT was at the top of the list.

"In high school I saw Durban with lots of commercial potential in terms of tourism hence I came to DUT. I've grown to admire DUT particularly because the students here are quickly exposed to the industry which prepares us for what is yet to come after we graduate," he said.

William said he's going to take as many pictures as he possibly can for his family who are excited for him as he starts his international exchange term at an international University.

DUT'S GOLDEN RADIO PERSONALITY

SPHEPHELO SIBIYA



OTHEMBELA 'OTHI' MENZELWA IS A 22 YEAR OLD MANAGEMENT SCIENCES STUDENT. HE CURRENTLY IS IN THIRD YEAR AND IS A VERY POPULAR STUDENT AT DUT. THIS BUBBLY PERSONALITY HAILS FROM KING WILLIAMS TOWN. HE HAS FOUND A HOME IN DURBAN AFTER COMPLETING HIS MATRIC AT DALE COLLEGE AND PURSUING ACADEMIA AT DUT.

Othi, as he is known to many as a radio personality at RadioDUT, has been on the weekend airwaves since 2015. He not only has a love for the radio but, he also enjoys being an MC (master of ceremony) as his passion lies in interacting with audiences. This young gentleman is a lover of attending both corporate and entertainment gigs. He has done programme directing duties at events such as Mr and Miss Umbilo, KZN Top Model and many of RadioDUT shows hosted at the different campuses. His hobbies are playing tennis, squash and keeping an eye on the latest fashion trends.

He believes that he is truly blessed to have a family that supports him in all his endeavours. He describes his mum as being his biggest pillar of strength and said that all his strength stems from her. His cousins and siblings always push him to do his utmost best by always encouraging him to challenge himself. Apart

from his family, he admires people like Oprah Winfrey, Bonang Matheba, Richard Branson and Vusi Thembekwayo. He looks up to them because of how they all built their empires based on their dreams, and also because they have not neglected those less fortunate. Most of them have started and are supporting charities and various foundations.

"I do a lot of community outreach programmes with Legacy Creators, Community Development Association (CDA) and RadioDUT," said Othi. He goes on to say that his future aspirations include taking his radio passion into commercial stations- this being fueled by the thought of reaching large masses with his community development and building projects. Menzelwas' main focus is youth empowerment. He hopes to lend a hand in creating young male role models because most males have lost their part in society," he stressed.

South Africa does need a facelift and with the right guidance, South Africa can achieve and try to eradicate the social ills and injustices that exist in society.

MNGUNI, A STREET ART FUNDI

STHABILE GWALA



SPHEPHELO MNGUNI IS A YOUNG, ASPIRING SOUTH AFRICAN CONTEMPORARY ARTIST FROM DURBAN, KWAZULU-NATAL. HE RECENTLY COMPLETED HIS BTECH DEGREE IN FINE ART AT THE DURBAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY IN 2016 AND GRADUATED THIS YEAR (2017).

Mnguni is mostly known for doing street art, but he manipulates an array of mediums in the art including filmmaking. He was also nominated for the 2016 Emma Smith Art Scholarship Award.

Mnguni believes that a community and a society can grow from helping each other and he said the mural was a way of giving back to the underprivileged. He also enjoys doing charity work and added that by doing charity work it is another form of saying thank you to people who have helped him.

"The mural is actually an abstract artwork. I wanted to create something colourful and beautiful. We live in a world where we are always confronted by symbolism and representation all the time. I feel like there's not enough beauty being depicted. I want

people to look at the mural and say this is beautiful, and individuals should be able to create meanings of their own without any representation or symbols portrayed," he said.

When he was asked to do the mural he jumped at the opportunity. He said it felt like the right thing to do so that's how the mural came about and also it has been good exposure as an artist, he added.

Mnguni said it took him a week to complete the mural.

Mnguni reiterated that he wants to take the next two years to work and build a solid portfolio for himself and after that, he would like to come to DUT to do his MTech. That's a goal he is currently working on.



One of Mnguni's artistic expressions.



Mnguni showcases his beautiful artworks.

VOX POP

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR 2017?

THE EDGE REPORTER PHUMEZA MSONGELWA WENT OUT TO THE FIELD TO FIND OUT THE VIEWS OF STUDENTS ON THIS MATTER.



Pam Sibiya, BTech PR

“My name is Pam. I have just finished my third year in journalism and I am now a PR BTech applicant. My goals for 2017 is to do well in my BTech, and hopefully get a job and a car which I need to be employable in my field of study.”



Zethu Dhlomo, Third Year Sports Management

“My name is Zethu and I'm doing my third year in Sports Management. My goal is to finish my diploma and graduate in three years and hopefully continue furthering my studies.”



Nothando Magangana, Third Year Somatology

“My name is Nothando and I'm a Somatology student doing my third year. My goal this year is to achieve great academic results and possibly finish my diploma with a Cum Laude pass.”



Jarryd Eliziah, Second Year IT

“My name is Jarryd, a second year student in Information Technology. The goal for this year is to ace all my studies and maybe try getting a bursary.”



Nkanyiso Ngubane, third year Taxation

“My name is Nkanyiso. I'm a third year student in Taxation. I have too many goals for 2017 but I will have to prioritise. I want to commit myself to work hard and achieve good, academic results. Another goal is to commit myself to the struggle for free education.”



Slindokuhle Mtshali, Second Year IT

“My name is Slindokuhle. I'm a second year IT student and my goal for 2017 is to be part of the Student Representative Council (SRC) as I want to help other students who are new to the University.”

THE TREND THAT NEVER GOES OUT OF STYLE

STHABILE GWALA TALKS DENIM. JEANS ARE A FASHION STATEMENT AND THEY GO WITH ALMOST ANYTHING. EVERYONE IS WEARING DENIM, SOME DOUBLE DENIM. YOU MIGHT ENJOY A VERY TRADITIONAL LOOK BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE TO STICK TO THE OLD SCHOOL RULES. NOW IS THE PERFECT TIME TO UPDATE YOUR WARDROBE WITH QUALITY PIECES AND FRESH SILHOUETTES FOR 2017. FOR THOSE IN THE QUEST OF REVAMPING THEIR WARDROBE I WILL HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THIS DENIM PHENOMENON JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE.



DIY denim choker paired with a denim jacket.

The choker is a close fitting necklace worn around the neck and it can be made out of a variety of materials including metal, beads or denim. This DIY denim choker is a craze that started in America in 2016 and has been endorsed by the likes of Kim Kardashian. A choker adds a nice, edgy look to any outfit and it makes a bold fashion statement.

Who isn't obsessed with ripped jeans? If 2016 has taught us anything, is that not all torn clothes are rags. In fact the more ripped your jeans are the better. Ripped jeans can be worn in Winter or Spring and can be paired with sneakers or slops.



Asanda Phakathi rocks a stylish denim jacket paired with cool accessories.

Simbonge and Nomfundo wearing timeless denim dresses on campus.



Denim dresses are very trendy these days and they will never be out of fashion. For day to day casual looks, denim outfits are a favourite choice for every woman. Simbonge and Nomfundo both Town Planning first year students are rock their denim dresses. You go girls!



A designer denim jacket with a DIY design.

Pictured left: Stylish DUT students are living proof that a good pair of denims can be worn with almost anything and still look amazing.

FIRST YEARS HAPPY TO BE PART OF DUT COMMUNITY

BONGANI GEMA AND STHABILE GWALA

FIRST YEAR STUDENTS WERE TOLD TO REMAIN HUMBLE AND ORIGINAL AS THE RECIPE FOR SUCCESS AT THE DURBAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY CAMPUSES 2017 FIRST YEAR GENERAL ORIENTATION.

The event was hosted by the Department of Student Services and Development at the Indumiso Campus Main Hall and at Steve Biko Campus's Sports Centre. Orientation for first years focuses on addressing students in all areas of University life and to assist in their integration into University culture in an informative and entertaining way.

Yolisa Manele, DUT Students Representative Council secretary, welcomed the students and added that they needed to remember that being at a tertiary institution was a privilege as much as it was a right and so the first years needed to be aware of how privileged they were to access higher education and carry themselves in a respectful manner.

“Many matriculants would have liked to be in your shoes but due to different unknown circumstances they are not. Being here must not change you so much that you lose respect for your elders and your background. Do not lose yourselves in the midst of everything,” she said. Manele also said the students should not be shy to approach the SRC whenever they were in need of the student body (SRC) which was there to serve them.

Director of Student Services and Development at the Midlands Campuses, Fathima Haffajee also spoke about the significance of the University orientation on a first year students’ life and the wider University community. She said programmes such as these also seek to mitigate first year students' drop-out rates.

“Orientation is a very important component of a first year students’ life as it focuses on retention and seeks to prevent attrition. Drop-out rates at South African universities are generally high for first years and activities like orientation address this problem,” added Haffajee.

First year Nursing student, Siboniso Mkhize, shared his experience as a DUT student stating that everyone he has met has been very helpful to him. He said when he had no accommodation and was in dire need of help, the reception he had received was remarkable.

At Durban, DUT's Sports Centre at Steve Biko Campus it was filled to capacity with jovial students. Both Midlands and Durban Campuses worked tirelessly around the clock aiming to assist students in feeling at home while they are away from their parents and homes.



Pictured: Happy students filled DUT's Sports Centre in excitement.

Sharing her experience on the orientation day, first year Catering Management student, Happiness Mkhize, said not only was the day filled with fun activities, it felt good to win prizes as well. “Orientation was fun and exciting,; they gave us lots of prizes. I really enjoyed myself and look forward to my time at DUT,” she said.

Views Students Shared On Orientation:

“I made new friends.”

“I got to know of DUT and all the services and extra-curricular activities offered.”

“I am excited about learning and being part of the DUT family.”

“I was made to feel at home.”

“I felt loved and comfortable.



Pictured: Students at the Midlands Campus's enjoying Orientation.day.

TALKING TO DUT CRICKET STAR SIYANQOBA NGIBA



BONGANI GEMA

Why did you decide to become a cricketer out of all the sports you could have played?

For me, the art of batting is what attracted me to the sport, so I wanted to try it out myself and that is why I am still a cricketer today.

When did you start playing cricket?

I started playing cricket in 2009 when I was in Grade eight but I started taking it seriously in Grade nine in 2010. That is when I became the captain of the U15 team at school. I then realised I can make something out of my newfound talent and love that I have for the sport.

How has cricket enhanced your life?

As the saying goes 'cricket is a gentlemen's game' and it has taught me to be patient as a cricketer. In order to succeed, you have to be committed as well, so I would like to think that cricket has made me a better man on and off the field.

Have you won any awards for cricket?

Yes, I have won for the most improved player in Johannesburg in 2013 and I have won for best bowler in the USSA tournament in 2015.

Is there any cricketer you look up to?

In South Africa it has to be Themba Bavuma, who plays for Cape Cobras and for South Africa in Test level. He is the first black African cricketer to make a test century for South Africa. Internationally, it is Kumar Sangakkara, a former Sri Lankan cricketer and captain of the Sri Lankan national team. I like him because he is tactful, smart and very decisive as a batsman.

What are your plans for the future?

My plans are to carry on working hard and let my talent be seen and hopefully get scouted to a semi-pro or professional team so I can pursue my dream of being a great batsman.

MOVIE REVIEW



THE NEW FAST AND FURIOUS MOVIE OF 2017

AKRAM PETERS

VIN DIESEL THINKS FAST 8 FINALLY HAS WHAT IT'LL TAKE TO MAKE AN OSCAR RUN.

Fast and Furious 8 is the eighth instalment in The Fast and the Furious franchise and stars Vin Diesel, Dwayne Johnson, Jason Statham, Michelle Rodriguez, Tyrese Gibson, Chris Bridges, Nathalie Emmanuel, Kurt Russell, Scott Eastwood, Charlize Theron and Helen Mirren.

The Fate of the Furious symbolises the first film of the franchise since The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (2006) not to star Paul Walker, who died in a single-vehicle crash on 30 November, 2013, during the filming of Furious 7 (2015).

Now that Dom and Letty are on their honeymoon and Brian and Mia have retired from the game - and the rest of the crew has been exonerated - the globetrotting team has found a semblance of a normal life. But when a mysterious woman seduces Dom into the world of crime he can't seem to escape and a betrayal of those closest to him, they will face trials

that will test them as never before. From the shores of Cuba and the streets of New York City to the icy plains off the arctic Barents Sea, the elite force will crisscross the globe to stop an anarchist from unleashing chaos on the world's stage and to bring home the man who made them a family.

The Fast 8 movie is bound to have audiences spellbound to their seats, so if you a speed junkie and love cars, this is the movie to watch....



MUSIC REVIEW

MILANO FINALLY DROPS NEW ALBUM

STHABILE GWALA



LAST YEAR, 2016 ENDED WITH A BANG, OKMALUMKOOKLAT FINALLY DROPPING HIS MUCH ANTICIPATED DEBUT ALBUM - MLAZI MILANO.

The album is a follow up to two other works of arts from him, namely: Holy Oxygen EP (2014) and 100K Macassette mix tape (2015).

Simiso Zwane is a Durban native. He was born and raised in Umlazi then later moved to Bonela where he began exploring with art. This latest offering thus shares stories of the township told by a true township boy- Ikati elimunyama (the Black Cat). The album is filled with his experiences unfolded and fused on laid back hip-hop, kwaito, African drums and Durban originated house sounds. His many alter egos share the spotlight as each of the 17 songs introduces us to a different side of him.

Featured on the album are close friends, uSanele, Riky Rick and Mashayabhuqe kaMamba. Others features include alternative rock artist - Petite Noir, Tsonga

rapper - Sho Madjozi and his old school alliances - Bra Sol and Spoek Mathambo.

The offering includes Ntwana Yam, a single he released in mid-2016 as a teaser. The jam is popular within a large demographic as it shows off his lyrical skills. Other stand out singles are (track 2) Mlazi Milano on which he pours out his entire life story in four minutes, (track 14) Gqi is where he spits verses on a house beat and lastly on (track 17) called Bhuti Onsundu, he tackles a controversial subject of converted African people who view ancestral worship as paganism.

Basically, the album is a lot of things in one. It displays art in its true form and takes originality into a new perspective. The album will not only be enjoyed by hip-hop fundis but by many because OkMalumekoolkat has tapped into many genres effortlessly. After such a beautiful body of work we, Koolkittens (his fans) can only wait patiently in anticipation of an even better project.

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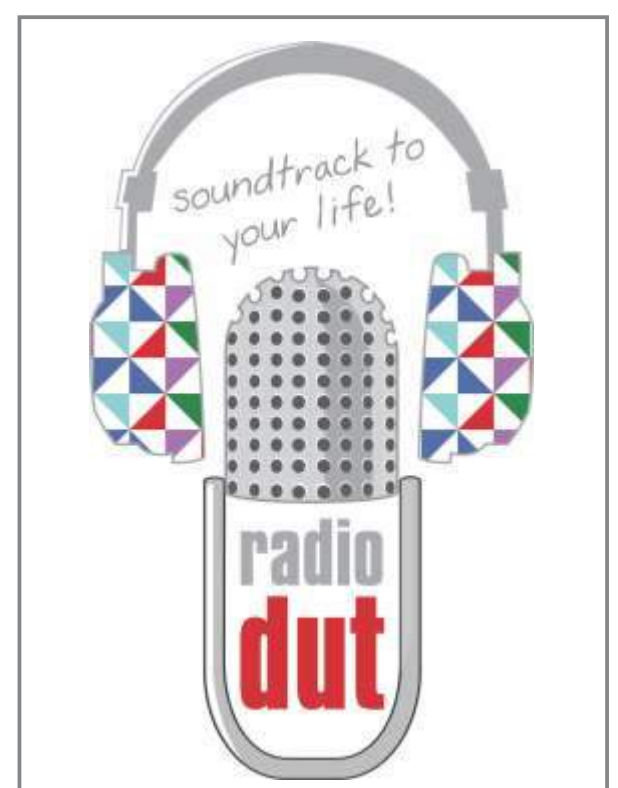


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A LIGHT EXOTIC MEAL

THIRD YEAR FOOD AND TECHNOLOGY STUDENT KEISHA PILLAY SHARES SOME OF HER FAVOURITE RECIPES TO HELP YOU MAINTAIN YOUR BODY WEIGHT.

Mustard seeds are a rich source of selenium, a nutrient which may reduce the severity of asthma. It is also an excellent source of Isothiocyanates which are currently being studied for its anti-cancer effects. These little seeds contain a fair amount of magnesium which might help to lower blood pressure and restore sleep patterns. The low glycaemia index and high fibre content of mustard seeds makes it a 'go to' ingredient for individuals who want to lose weight and individuals who are suffering from irregular bowel movements. Mustard seeds are used in smoothies, salads, pestos, pickles, chutney, beer and piccalilli. This spice is most commonly used in Indian cuisines for flavour in curries.



HONEY, MUSTARD POTATOES

Serves 1

Ingredients:

- 160g potatoes (wedged)
- 1ml Salt
- 10ml Smoked paprika
- 20ml Butter
- 5ml Olive oil
- 10ml Peri-peri sauce
- 1ml Garlic paste
- 5ml Black pepper
- 2ml Thyme
- 3ml Chilli sauce
- 1ml Garlic paste
- 3ml Hot chilli flakes
- 20ml Honey
- 1ml Vinegar
- 2ml Thyme
- 5ml Sweet chilli sauce
- 1ml Spring onion, chopped
- 5ml Mustard seeds



Method:

Soak potatoes in water with salt, cover them then place in microwave for 20 minutes or till semi soft.

Coat potatoes with skin on with paprika, mixed in melted butter and olive oil. Leave to stand for 10 minutes.

Mix all the sauces, garlic paste and salt together and coat potatoes, then sprinkle with black pepper and thyme.

Coat roasting pan with Spray and Cook or olive oil, then set out coated potatoes on pan and roast at 190°C, till golden brown. Keep basting potatoes to retain moisture, so they do not burn.

In a small pot add garlic, chilli flakes, gently stir in honey, vinegar, peri-peri sauce, sweet chilli sauce and thyme. Turn off heat and dress with salt.

Toss the roasted potato wedges with sweet chilli honey sauce, garnish with spring onion greens and toasted mustard seeds and serve.

NEW FACT-CHECKING TOOL FOR FACEBOOK



FACEBOOK HAS LAUNCHED A NEW FACT-CHECKING TOOL TO FLAG FAKE NEWS SPREADING ON ITS NEWS FEED.

This feature was first launched in the USA in October 2016, followed by Germany and now most recently France. It comes at a time when Facebook has been defending itself against allegations of influencing the US election results through fake news posts.

The fact-check is expected to identify fake news, label them as such and block them from appearing on the news feed. Facebook will also be revealing confirmed fake news as 'disputed by third party fact checkers'.

CEO and Founder of Facebook Mark Zuckerberg posted a statement on his Facebook account in December 2016 saying that although Facebook was established as a technology company and not as a news platform, they do recognise the importance of verifying news published on the platform, hence this initiative.

"We're making it easier to report hoaxes. If the fact checkers agree a story is a hoax, you'll see a flag on the story saying it has been disputed and that story may be less likely to show up in News Feed. You'll still be able to read and share the story, but you'll now have more information about whether fact checkers believe it's accurate," Zuckerberg said.

He added that they were hoping that these steps will help make spreading lies less profitable and also crack down on those sites masquerading as well-known news organisations.

Bongani Gema/Google

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE EARNS NKUNA BURSARY TO COMPLETE HIS STUDIES

WAHEEDA PETERS



Pictured: Philani Nkuna, graduating with his National Diploma IT, thanks to the Development and Alumni Relations at DUT.

HIS CONSISTENT ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE WAS THE KEY TO PHILANI NKUNA BEING SELECTED BY THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) DEPARTMENT AND HIM BEING ONE OF THE STUDENTS TO BE AWARDED A DUT ALUMNI BURSARY. THIS ALLOWED HIM TO ACHIEVE HIS GOALS AND GRADUATE WITH A NATIONAL DIPLOMA IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AT DUT RECENTLY.

"I received my bursary from the Development and Alumni Relations which serves as a direct link between DUT and aims to cultivate and nurture a lifelong relationship between students and their Alma-mater. On my first year at DUT I applied for NSFAS and was unsuccessful. By that time I was able to push to pay my first year fees, however, thereafter, when I was doing my second year, I managed to only pay for the registration fee and I struggled to pay for the entire semester. I even considered quitting school temporarily and looking for a job to raise money for my tuition fees. Fortunately because of my consistent, academic performance I was selected by my department to be one of the students to be awarded with the DUT alumni bursary," he said proudly.

So for him, studying is very important and especially, at a tertiary institution this meant everything to him as he is the first one in his family to study computers. Through Nkuna's academic years at DUT, he also gained some true friends who helped guide and support him on anything that related to him progressing in his life. "Studying IT has been beneficial because when I first came to DUT I knew nothing about a computer, how it worked, but now I can fix computer softwares and even develop web applications. So far, I'm still enhancing my skills in IT by currently pursuing my Bachelor of Technology degree in IT, so that I can have a more advanced understanding of the fundamentals of the computer systems and become a great IT specialist in time to come," he added proudly.

Nkuna owes his achievement to the Development and Alumni Relations and according to Zwakele Ngubane, Acting Director of Development and Alumni Relations, he said that Nkuna had met bursary fund criterias which are that the student must be deemed as a financially needy student and also be academically deserving, obtaining a 65% aggregate or above and having passed all courses registered for in the previous year, to name but a few.

"We identify and select students for the award with the assistance of the financial aid department with a list of students who meet the above mentioned criteria. We also have made calls to academic departments and faculties in spreading the word and encourage students to come forward by applying if they meet the criteria. The bursary selection committee then undergoes the process of narrowing down the list to the number of students that can be assisted based on the funds available," he said.

Ngubane reiterated that his department relies on the generosity of donors both internally and externally, and engage in various projects and campaigns to raise funds for the bursary programme as well as the food security programme that they run in partnership with the student counselling department.

"The intention is to award bursaries on an annual basis but these are dependent on availability of funds and so we urge all DUT staff as well as friends and partners of DUT to donate," he stressed.

If you are keen to donate and help students like Philani Nkuna, go to <http://www.dutalumni.com/waystogive>.

DUT COMPUTER GENIUS OFF TO THE USA

STHABILE GWALA

SUVESHAN PATHER IS A 19-YEAR-OLD SECOND-YEAR INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT STUDENT AT THE DURBAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY. HE CAN BE DESCRIBED AS DILIGENT AND AMBITIOUS. HE WAS RECENTLY CHOSEN AS A MICROSOFT STUDENT PARTNER (MSP) IN 2016.

IT students at the Durban University of Technology needed to create an app called a universal windows application, an app that works for all windows devices including phones, tablets and computers.

Pather created a cross-platform app. The app is targeted at business owners. It records employee's personal details and stores them in a database. According to him, the app took him less than a week to create.

Pather said he did not want to create something childish, instead he wanted to create something professional something that can be used long after his partnership with Microsoft.

Although he faced many challenges creating a universal programme, he highlights are far higher including hosting hackathons where he had to teach other students how to use universal windows app and then get the students to create an app.



Being chosen amongst all the others who entered is humbling for him considering that everyone created really good apps.

He hopes to host more events for Microsoft, launch and to work for Microsoft in the near future.

"It would be nice for future programmers to know that although it may seem hard, in the beginning, learning the first language or any programming language. It's like learning to swim once you know how to stay up in the water and moving becomes easier," said Pather.