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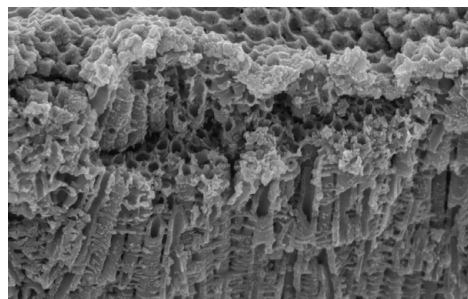


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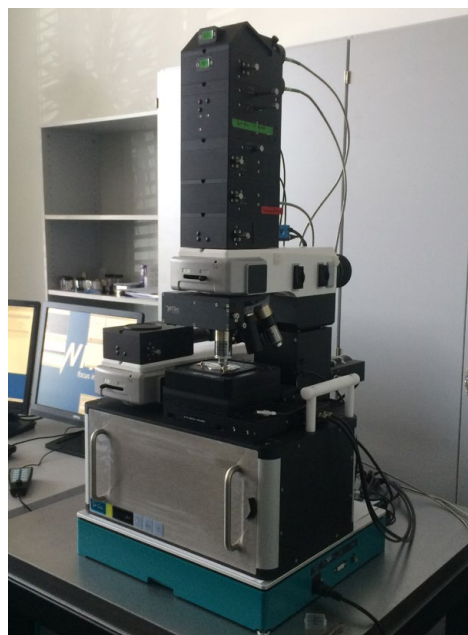
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THE FORT HARE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Promoting Innovation and Research Excellence - since 1999



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The Fort Hare Institute of Technology (FHIT) was established in 1999. Its core mandate is to promote innovation and research excellence through interdisciplinary collaboration, in relation to energy production and use.

Based on the Alice campus, the institute is currently led by its capable Director, Professor Edson Meyer.

The FHIT focuses on four key areas:

- Solar Energy
- Bio Energy
- Smart Energy Systems and;
- Sustainable Development Studies

Over the years, FHIT has worked closely with several stakeholders to produce and implement world-class groundbreaking research. These include Eskom, Vodacom, Engen, National Research Fund (NRF), Department of Science and Innovation (DSI), Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform (DRDAR), Water Research Commission (WRC), Agricultural Research Council and the Technology Innovation Agency (TIA).

Solar Energy

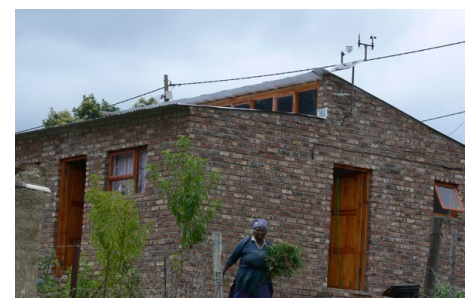
Solar energy research at FHIT spans the entire value chain - from development of new materials and substrates such as nanotubes for photochemical solar cells (Figure 1) - to performance, degradation and failure of analysis of both solar cells and solar modules, both indoors (Figure 2) and outdoors (Figure 3).



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At the heart of institute's research is a group of vibrant, passionate young minds pursuing postgraduate studies in Physics, Chemistry, Computer Science and others (Figure 4).

Smart Energy

Smart energy systems employed in the built environment through Building Integrated Photovoltaics is also one of the institute's flagship programmes (Figure 5) and a prime example of sustainable development. The energy efficient house produces and consumes its own electricity requirements through smart energy algorithms as well as its own hot water requirements. The additionality of passive solar design features allows sunlight to heat the rear (south side) of the internal building. This improves the thermal efficiency substantially, especially in winter when the sun is low in the sky.

Sustainable Development

The ingenuity of the FHIT research has advanced the lives of many rural households and brought about sustainable development in communities. A notable deliverable is the development of low-income houses utilizing similar passive solar design features through clerestory windows (Figure 6), to improve the thermal comfort of conventional low-income households from 47% to 78% (Figure 7). This reduces the cost of electricity required to heat or cool the house.

The design and installation of a biomass gasifier (Figure 8) using innovative airflow dynamics gave rise to a biotechnology bakery while addressing waste management of the supplying sawmill (Figure 9) in an environmentally sustainable manner. The additionality to this innovative project are food and job opportunities (Figure 10)

Improving the quality of life

Biogas digesters (Figure 11) for domestic cooking have been the focus of our continued research where primarily, cow manure is used to generate methane gas (which is 19 times more harmful as a greenhouse gas than CO₂) to address the cooking requirements of rural households. Not only do these digesters negate the impact of methane as a greenhouse gas or electricity required to run two-plate stoves, but also results in a monthly cost savings (avoidance) of R800 by already cash-strapped households. The savings then adds to the expendable income of these households (Figure 12) thereby improving their quality of life.

Through its strategic research endeavors, FHIT has, between 2008 and 2020, facilitated the research of more than 75 Postdoctoral Fellowships, PhD and MSc graduates, with more than 300 associated research articles, conference proceedings and technical reports.



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// Prof Edson Leroy Meyer

In conversation with **Professor Edson Leroy Meyer** C-Rated Researcher

Professor Edson Leroy Meyer is the Director of the Fort Hare Institute of Technology (FHIT) and a Full Professor in the Faculty of Science and Agriculture.

He began his academic career at a farm school in Pearston, Eastern Cape and obtained his PhD in Physics at the then University of Port Elizabeth, now Nelson Mandela University (NMU). With a second major in Applied Mathematics and postgraduate research in semiconductor physics, he has placed himself strategically to access the sphere of research and development in renewable energy.

Prof Meyer joined the University of Fort Hare in 2002 as a Senior Lecturer in the Physics Department, where he

would later become the Head of the Department. Since his appointment as the FHIT Director 15 years ago, he has managed to turn the Institute into an entity with a vibrant research culture of new knowledge creation in energy related fields.

As a C-rated researcher, Prof Meyer is actively conducting research into solar energy, bio energy and smart energy systems, culminating in sustainable development in real life.

This Week @FortHare asked some questions to find out more about Prof Meyer, his innovative research and remarkable career that spans over two decades.

*innovation manifests where excellence, commitment
and opportunity converge.*

What are your research interests?

My research interest has always been guided by real global, grand challenges of which, water, energy and food (WEF) take centre stage. With my particular skill set, energy in general and renewable energy in particular, constitute my focus where I believe I can make a useful contribution. That being said, energy is not isolated from the WEF-nexus. Our collaborative research initiatives with the Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform (DRDAR), Water Research Commission (WRC) and the Agricultural Research Council (ARC) emphasize the necessary link between these challenges in order to reach sustainable development.

What are your most significant research accomplishments?

When I assumed the role of Director - FHIT in 2005, research and development were non-existent. Currently, every year we consistently have around 20 vibrant postgraduate students with a healthy graduation rate. At the beginning, the Institute's facilities were scarce and students had to be sent to national laboratories to conduct measurements. To date, we have established indoor facilities, most notably, our R7.7 million confocal Raman and Atomic Force Microscope and a SolarWatt Park outdoor test site.

What have been your main achievements?

- Through my research activities I have received technology awards from the Department of Trade and Industry in the categories of Social Development (2007) and Technology Transfer (2012).
- I have also received the University of Fort Hare Vice Chancellor's Medal for Emerging Researcher (2006) and Medal for Senior Researcher (2016), in recognition of sustained research and scholarly achievements that reflect quality and excellence.
- I started off as a Y-rated researcher by the NRF (2009) and upgraded to C-rated scientist, effective January 2012 to December 2024.

- My research networks are through various national and international forums and I have also served as non-executive director on the Boards of the South African National Energy Development Institute (SANEDI), and the Digitization and Refurbishment Institute of South Africa (DRISA).

How do you ensure that innovative research remains core to your activities?

1. Establishing an enabling environment through state-of-the-art facilities, excellent researchers, postgraduate students and technical staff, is the first step in ensuring that innovation is even possible. The support of the UFH management is obviously crucial to this.
2. The second step is to approach any challenge or research question through a multi -and- interdisciplinary approach. For instance, using biochemistry to solve an age-old physics problem is where I want our researchers and students to dwell. After all, innovation manifests where excellence, commitment and opportunity converge.

What advice would you give young researchers out there?

Always listen to the opinion, views and suggestions of others: Without prejudice and with respect. If you are not willing to do so, you have sufficient knowledge and are in the wrong environment.

Respect is earned, but so is disrespect.

As intellectuals it is our individual and collective duty to improve the quality of lives of all. Neglecting this is tantamount to dereliction of duty. Once you see this duty as an honour, you are well on your way to contributing meaningfully and successfully in life.

PROPERTIES AND SERVICES DIVISION LAUNCHES FACILITIES REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

The Properties and Services division has embarked on a massive refurbishment project across all three campuses. This is a bid to continue providing a safe and ideal campus experience for the benefit of all members of the University of Fort Hare community.

The project entails repairs and maintenance works on several university buildings - minor and major projects on Alice, Bisho and East London campuses.

According to Mr Kaizer Dlemnyango, Maintenance Manager: "The main purpose of the works is to effect the necessary repairs and maintenance work to render existing facilities suitable for academic as well as administrative services."

Mr Dlemnyango said while the Covid-19 lockdown restriction presented a few challenges in the way these projects were being managed, his team used this period to their advantage.

"Management of these projects was difficult because of Covid-19 travel restrictions and the need to adapt to virtual progress meetings. However, the advantage is that under lockdown levels 2, 3 and 4, we were able to carry out our work with minimal student or staff occupation and/or use of the venues under renovation," he said.

Although excited about the project, Kaizer also expressed frustration about damage caused to university infrastructure each time there is a student protest.

"Such incidents result in the university working backwards and thus wasting scarce resources and valuable time – both of which could be invested in other projects and making sure our campuses and residences are suitable spaces for young adults to live in and study at. We appeal to our students to refrain from defacing university infrastructure and take pride in their personal spaces and environment. We must preserve these assets for the benefit of future generations. Our university should and must always look and feel like an institution of higher learning", he pleaded.

Project Team

The project team comprises the following individuals:

- Dumisani Madela: Director- Service Delivery
- Kaizer Dlemnyango: Maintenance Manager
- Admire Moyo: Project Manager
- Mhlanguli Dlodlo: Intern- Project Management Unit
- Bokani Dlodlo: Intern Project Management Unit
- Mthabisi Mzingwane: Intern Project Management Unit
- Carmen Molyneux: Project Administrator
- Usanda Salman: Safety, Health and Environmental Practitioner

Project Outline

Below is a summarised breakdown of the refurbishment works – in no particular order of priority. The works are separated into three categories:

- **Insurance**
- **Minor Works, and**
- **Priority Projects**

Insurance Works

Project Name	Scope	Progress / What has been done so far?	Remaining Work/ What still needs to be done?
Fire Damaged Building - ABC Hall - ALICE	Replacement of damaged asbestos roof and removal of fire damage debris, refurbished floor and wall finishes and replacement of damaged glass	Works are at 98 %, Roof covering has been replaced, the walls have been painted internally and externally and floor finishes have been completed	Installation of Projector screens and White boards
Fire Damaged Building – Chemistry Labs - ALICE	Removal of fire damage debris, refurbishment of walls and floors, replacement of windows	Works are at 80%, the walls have been painted internally and externally and floor finishes have been completed	Installation of cupboards and gas installation done.

Minor Works

Minor works consist of repair and maintenance work of a value less than R1 million, including value added tax. The following buildings with their indicative scope of work fall under this category

Project Name	Scope/ Extend of Work	Progress / What has been done so far?	Remaining Work/ What still needs to be done?
Teacher Education Complex - EAST LONDON	External paintwork and replacement of rainwater goods	Paintwork is sitting at 75% and replacement of gutters and downpipes	Finishing up the painting external face of building
Fleet Department- Stores - ALICE	Installation of new gutters and external painting	Paintwork is sitting at 80% and installation of new fascia boards and gutters at 100%.	Finishing up the final coat of paint.
Theology Building - ALICE	Converting two ablutions to a lecture room	Existing ablutions have been stripped of all fittings and new roof truss has been installed.	To finish up floor and wall finishes
Refurbishment of Forte Solution Building - BISHO	Painting externally and internally and waterproofing the roof	Painted the External face of the building	Internal painting and waterproofing.
NAHECS Building - ALICE	High pressure clean roof, repaint existing face of the building and cleaning of gutters	30% of the roof has been cleaned and painting has commenced	Finish up cleaning of roof and painting of the external walls
HMS Building - ALICE	Remove timber floor and replace with concrete slab, repainting the walls internally and externally	Removal of timber floors and pouring of new slab is done.	To repaint the walls and do floors finishes.
Law Buildings - ALICE	High pressure clean roof, Paint exterior, Replace existing gutters and downpipes	Contractor has been appointed and work is to commence by end September 2020	
Economics Building - ALICE	High pressure clean roof, Paint exterior, Replace existing gutters and downpipes	Contractor has been appointed and work is to commence by end September 2020	

Priority Works

Minor works consist of repair and maintenance work of a value less than R1 million, including value added tax. The following buildings with their indicative scope of work fall under this category

Project Name	Scope	Construction Stage (Tender)
Fire Damaged Building - Equicent - ALICE	Replacement of fire damaged roof structure, Rebuilding of internal and external envelope	Tender documents have been drafted and are still being reviewed
Fire Damaged Building - Staff Centre - ALICE	Refurbishment of floors and walls, Electrical and mechanical installations	Tender documents have been drafted and are still being reviewed
Conversion of CBDC - ALICE	Extension of external envelope, refurbishment of floors and walls with Electrical and mechanical installations.	Tender documents have been drafted and are still being reviewed
Conversion of Barn - Alice	Replacement of fire damaged roof structure	Tender documents have been drafted and are still being reviewed
Bisho Fence - BISHO	Erection of security fence around Bisho campus	Tender documents have been drafted and are still being reviewed
Fencing of the research farm and W/W/W treatment plant - ALICE	Erection of security fence around research farm and W/W/W treatment plant	Tender documents have been drafted and are still being reviewed

PROPERTIES AND SERVICES REFURBISHMENT PROJECT



// Maintenance - ABC Hall



// Maintenance - Education Department East London



// Maintenance - ABC Hall Block F



// Maintenance - Chemistry Building Alice, Fire Damage



// Maintenance - Bhisho Campus



// Maintenance - HMS

KAIZER DLEMNYANGO - EQUAL TO THE TASK OF FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

“It motivates me to see students from poor backgrounds determined to excel academically under difficult conditions. This makes me want to give my utmost best to make our campus feel and look like home away from home for them”

Maintaining the building of a 104-year-old institution is no mean feat. This is a task that Mr Kaizer Dlemnyango, Maintenance Manager within Properties and Services is equal to.

Born in East London and raised in Kwelera Village, 30 km outside East London, Mr Dlemnyango lives and breathes construction. He finds joy in enhancing buildings.

Affectionately known by the university community as simply “Kaizer”, Mr Dlemnyango is a qualified Quantity Surveyor and has worked in the construction industry for several years. He joined the university in 2014.

As Maintenance Manager, Kaizer oversees the maintenance of all university buildings, across all three campuses.

“My key role is to ensure maintenance operations are cost effective and efficient. The Maintenance Department services all buildings - electrical, carpentry, plumbing and staff housing needs,” he explains.

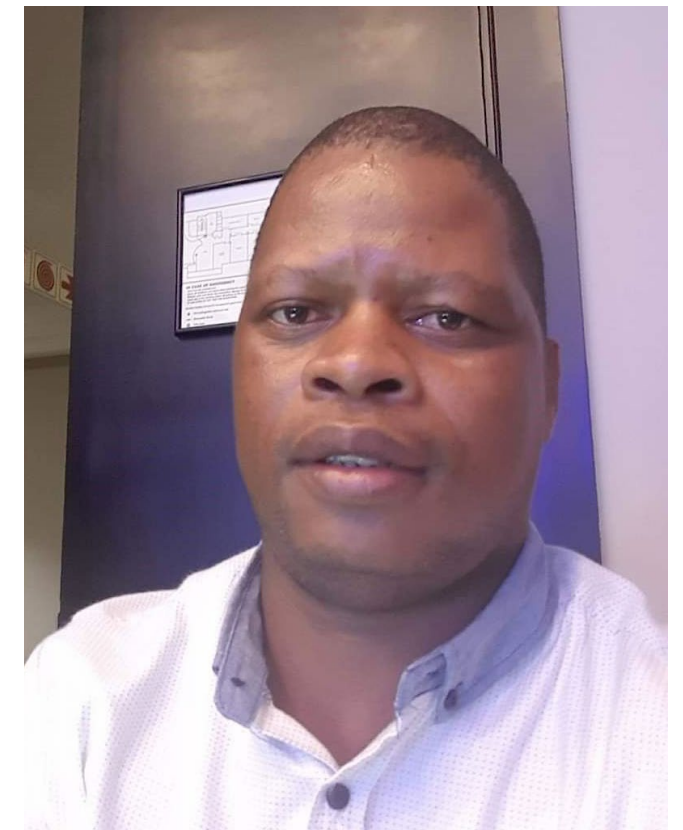
To ensure he executes his role with precision, Kaizer applies the **4Ps** which are coded as:

Planning Prevents Poor Performance.

According to him, his role requires a lot of planning and prioritizing. “Planning involves defining the sequence of activities and determining the skills set required to deliver services. It is my duty to ensure the availability of resources, materials, labour, contract services, specialist equipment, tools and information.”

Career Highlight

Kaizer counts being involved in the construction of the Student Village in Alice - the biggest student accommodation project in the history of South African universities - as his career highlight thus far.



// Mr Kaizer Dlemnyango

“I have been involved with the Student Village project since its inception in 2014. This project is one of the biggest developments in the Eastern Cape and the biggest student development project by Department of Higher Education and Training.” The R400m project is being developed by Stag African. Once completed, it will accommodate a total of 2047 students.

Kaizer says he is determined to suppress the university's status as a “Historically Disadvantaged Institution” by ensuring the 104-year-old institution is counted among SA universities with the best facilities.

“It motivates me to see students from poor backgrounds determined to excel academically under difficult conditions. This makes me want to give my utmost best to make our campus feel and look like home away from home for them”, says Kaizer.

When he is not mending university buildings, Kaizer enjoys spending time with his family, watching sport and travelling.

by Aretha Linden

JO-ANNE SMITH:

Window to the East London Campus

Seated behind the glass window in the reception area of the main building on the East London campus is Mrs Jo-Anne Smith. Since 1989, this lady has been ushering visitors with a genuine smile on her face and passion in her voice.

Her colleagues call her 'Jo', and the students refer to her as 'Mamma Jo'.

Smith joined the university in 1987 as a Library Assistant - when the building was still occupied by Rhodes University. At the time, the campus had a population of about 400 students, mainly doing commerce studies. Two years later, she was appointed as the Campus Receptionist.

This Week @FortHare could not resist the urge to find out more about this loyal employee who has dedicated 33 years of her career to a 'single' employer.

When describing her role, Jo refers to herself as the "window to the university". This could be attributed to the fact that anyone who approaches her glass window is guaranteed a peak into the University of Fort Hare. As the East London campus receptionist, she is the primary port of call for all students, staff and visitors who wish to access the executive administrative offices in the main building, as well as students who wish to enquire about lecture venues in the building. She issues electronic email notices and circulars, tends to general enquiries and helps booking of committee venues.

Recalling her first years at the university, she said the campus was relatively small.

"At the time it was still small enough for the receptionist undertake a number of duties such as manning the switchboard, handling enquiries, serving as a cashier and sorting mail. However, as the university grew in numbers it was decided to split the position into three. So the kiosk where I am currently seated was established and I became responsible for general enquires."

Over the years Jo has witnessed the growth of the university as it gradually occupied more buildings in the Church Street precinct.

"It has been wonderful to see the university grow and offer so many opportunities to so many. After starting off in basically one building, the university has acquired almost the whole of Church Street," she said.

Sharing some of her interesting and fond memories at UFH, Jo recalled when an elderly gentleman walked up to her desk to register for his BA degree. "This was when the Humanities degree was introduced. This moment was noteworthy as the prospective student was in his late 70's. He said he had waited many years to be able to pursue tertiary studies. He loved history. What an interesting character! I always get thrilled when students tell me they will be graduating soon."

Asked what she enjoyed most about her job, Jo said:

"I love the buzz of the students arriving for lectures and the general hive of activity that emanates along the passages of the university on a daily basis. I love the vibe in my office when staff pop in to query 'something' or just to say Hi"

To most students Jo is much more than a Receptionist. Her compassion for students in general earned her the name "Mamma Jo". In 2010 the Student Representative Council awarded her "The Patron of Students Award". "I was so humbled by this award," said Jo proudly.

As the university continues to grow, Jo is hopeful about the institution's future. "I wish the university could acquire many more lecture rooms for our growing student numbers and to have state of the art equipment."

When she is not managing the East London campus from her kiosk, Jo enjoys time with her family, taking walks on the farm, reading and watching a movie while nibbling on a bar of chocolate.

by Aretha Linden



// Jo-Anne Smith

"It has been wonderful to see the university grow and offer so many opportunities to so many. After starting off in basically one building, the university has acquired almost the whole of Church Street"



// Siviwe Piliso

Ms Siviwe Piliso obtained her Bachelor of Science Degree in Biochemistry from UFH in 2018. In 2020, she graduated cum laude with a Honours Degree in Microbiology during the University's first-ever Virtual Graduation

IN THE NEWS: UFH GRADUATE MAKES BOSS MOVES

Young local microbiologist making her own organic beauty soaps

Source: DispatchLIVE - 14 September 2020 By Sivenathi Gosa
[Click here to view original article](#)

Determined not to be an unemployed statistic, 23-year-old Siviwe Piliso decided to become her own boss.

And even her business is named BOSS - Beauty Organic Super Soaps.

The Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry graduate said the idea for her business was born from her personal experience with skin problems.

"Due to our country being known for its high unemployment rate, I decided to use the knowledge I acquired from the University of Fort Hare, and make my own home-made, organic soaps."

Piliso, who is from Dimbaza, said she had tested the soap on herself. When she noticed an improvement in her skin, she established her business.

"BOSS is still a small business that needs some financial assistance.

"I operate from home at the moment.

"The main challenge I face is getting funding to properly start up the business.

"It is not easy to attract customers or revenue, especially if one operates from a back room and with no proper packaging," Piliso said.

The young entrepreneur makes three types of products: aloe, lemon and a facial scrub soap.

"They are all chemical free.

"I believe people should use facial products that do not have ingredients that are harmful to the skin.

"The lemon soap is made for acne scarring, the aloe soap for acne and the scrub facial soap to promote smoothness of the skin."

The microbiologist started her business with a mere R300 from her savings, early in 2020.

However, the lockdown hit her plans hard.

Piliso said she had used the money she made from selling products to buy more ingredients.

She hopes that as her products attract more customers, she will be able to expand her business.

"So far, I have sold more than 30 soaps to friends and family and the community of Dimbaza. "It's not easy to attract customers when you don't have enough funding or proper packaging, so it's not easy for my customers to take me seriously, but I make sure I impress them by using the resources I have to make the products presentable.

"Besides the organic soaps, I aspire to create organic make-up and also to have my products reach the shelves of cosmetic stores nationwide."

People can place orders on Piliso's Facebook page, *Beauty Soap*, or can visit any of her social media platforms by searching her name.

"My advice to young people is to not be afraid of becoming a better version of themselves, and to not let their background hold them back from achieving their dreams.

"To become a successful entrepreneur, I needed to reduce my fears and become persistent about the aim of the business, as the main aim is to help people who have skin problems and who are allergic to products containing chemicals.

"So my motto is: trust your instinct, not just a spreadsheet," Piliso said.



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The Nkuhlu Department of Accounting in collaboration with KPMG - one of the Big Four accounting organizations in the world, is excited to launch a learner support programme. The joint venture aims to assist accounting students with additional content knowledge as well as practical application of standards and legislation.

Full details of the partnership will be published in the next edition of *This Week @FortHare*.



Investec sponsors Accounting hoodies

Investec has proudly sponsored the Nkuhlu Department of Accounting Post Graduate Diploma in Accounting (PGDA) student hoodies for the 2020 academic year. The kind gesture by the Financial Service Company is part of their relentless support for the Department.

Senior Lecturer and subject head in the Department, Mr Daylan Staude, said the Department is proud to be associated with a highly reputable institution like Investec. "We are grateful for their ongoing support towards our PGDA students," he said.



TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR LEONARD VUYANI MABINYA

Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology,
University of Fort Hare, Alice

By Professor Anthony Okoh

The task of mooted this tribute to Prof Leonard Vuyani Mabinya - a colleague, friend, scholar, father, brother and mentor, indeed is a sore one. Prof Mabinya was, affectionately called "Bra", "Vido" or "Bra Leo" by his close friends, and "tata" by his students. In whatever capacity or role we knew him, from whatever vantage point, he stood apart as someone very special!

Prof Mabinya joined the service of the University of Fort Hare in 1979 and rose through the ranks from Senior Lab Assistant (1979), Junior Lecturer (1994), Senior Lecturer (2004), Associate Professor (2014) to the position of Professor in 2016. Over these years, Prof Mabinya made tremendous and laudable contributions within the precinct of its teaching, research and community engagement mandates. He was involved in the teaching of Biochemistry modules at both the undergraduate and postgraduate levels, and was very active in research, and supervised and graduated several Masters and Doctoral degree students. His research endeavors is manifest in the numerous (over 50) scientific publications he authored in accredited journals. His research outputs are commendable, and contributed immensely to the profitability of our department. Prof Mabinya was an adept scholar as he made several presentations in national and international fora including the Federation of European Microbiology Societies (FEMS) in Maastricht, The Netherlands, in June 2015. It is also worth stating that Prof Mabinya was conferred affiliate membership of FEMS at its 4th Congress that was held in Geneva in 2011.

Prof Mabinya was a staunch member and Deputy Leader of the Applied and Environmental Microbiology Research Group



(AEMREG), and continued attending the group's research meetings and activities even in retirement; such was his love for academics. Also, Prof Mabinya co-authored a paper that receiving an accolade in the form of a "Best Paper Award" from the Editorial office of **Molecules**, a prestigious international scientific journal, for one of our published articles.

Prof Mabinya was a proven asset to the Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology and the Faculty of Science and Agriculture as he diligently served the department as, deputy HoD and substantive HoD at different times. He likewise, served the Faculty as Acting Deputy Dean (Teaching, Learning and Community Engagement). Bra Vido meritoriously served in several Departmental, Faculty and University committees.

Bra was a committed family man. We knew all his immediate family members as he spoke about them affectionately. We knew his grand children who, annually, catalogued wish lists for Bra to take care of during the December holidays! We knew his loving wife whose face was always brilliantly lit with smiles, and whose large heart manifested through the warm reception we always received in their home whenever we visited. We loved Bra Vido and we shall continue to cherish the memory he has left with us.

Bra's gentle, calm, articulate and wise words served as a poultice for douching tempers, bringing comfort and harmony in all spheres he found himself in. Such scarce gifts will be sorely missed. Our collaborators in Norway, Tunisia, Egypt, Nigeria and Canada were very heartbroken upon receipt of the sad news of his passing. In unison, they all remembered him for his gentle smile and soft-spoken nature.



Inspiring comments from some of his protégés are articulated below:

"Prof thank you for the delightful years you've shared with us, your unrivalled wisdom and blissful words of reassurance will be permanently imprinted in our minds. Prof! You worked beyond your profession; you were a father to us, and those before us. Yes! You are not with us physically but I know your love, care and intellect will forever linger in our hearts and in our minds".

Ndiyabulela Tata!! Nxasana, Dunjane, Mkhiwa, Sgadla!!!

Dr Luyanda Msolo

"To the world you were a professor, but to us you will remain a hero and parent. I'm forever grateful for your tutelage. You were a great teacher who inspired all - thank you. Your leadership, mentorship and guidance made us better - we will forever reminisce on them. We will surely follow your wise and generous words, and you will always be in our minds. Till we meet again, Rest in Peace."

Matereke Lavious Tapiwa

"I was deeply saddened to hear about the demise of Prof. Mabinya. I was privileged to be supervised by him, and he was so supportive, approachable, and generous. I will always remember him for his patience, which has left an indelible stamp of diligence in me. There is no perfect word to express my sincere appreciation for his guidance. May his gentle soul rest in peace, Amen."

Dr Kunle Okaiyeto



"It's sad and devastating to learn about the news of your passing to eternal glory. You were a rare icon, and father to all. The void left by your absence is conspicuous to all. You will be greatly missed, and I pray your soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace."

Adieu Prof. Mabinya.

Dr Tennison Digban

"Prof. Mabinya was an apex teacher and researcher! His meticulous approach in lecture delivery was widely praised by all his students, who still remember him for his extraordinary teaching abilities. Prof. Mabinya was a thorough gentleman, and an extremely humble human being. Despite his great achievements, his humility and dedication to work were exemplary. He will be dearly remembered by all his students and colleagues as an affectionate and beloved teacher who gave his best to his students till his last days."

May his soul Rest in Perfect peace.

Qaqamba Mapipa

"We will not remember you with sadness; we will not remember you with tears, we will remember you with laughter and the kindness you brought to us. You were a good leader and parent; you showed a great parental warmth and guidance - your love was with lots of patience. We will always remember your smiles and short bursts of laughter."

May your soul rest in peace until we meet again

Gogotya Asemahle

Rest in peace Bra, until we meet to part no more.

All members of Staff

Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology,
University of Fort Hare, Alice.

IN MEMORIAM



Miss Fikiswa Lynette Dyani

The Finance Department would like to inform the University of Fort Hare community about the sad news of the passing of the late Miss Fikiswa Lynette Dyani, on Saturday, 12 September 2020. She was employed at the University from 2004. She had a humble spirit, hardworking and dedicated to the University.

The arrangements for funeral and memorial service have not been finalised and will be communicated soon.

We would like to convey our heartfelt condolences to the Dyani family and loved ones, and we shall continue to pray to God to be with her family in this time of grief.

May her soul rest in eternal peace.

September is Suicide Prevention Month

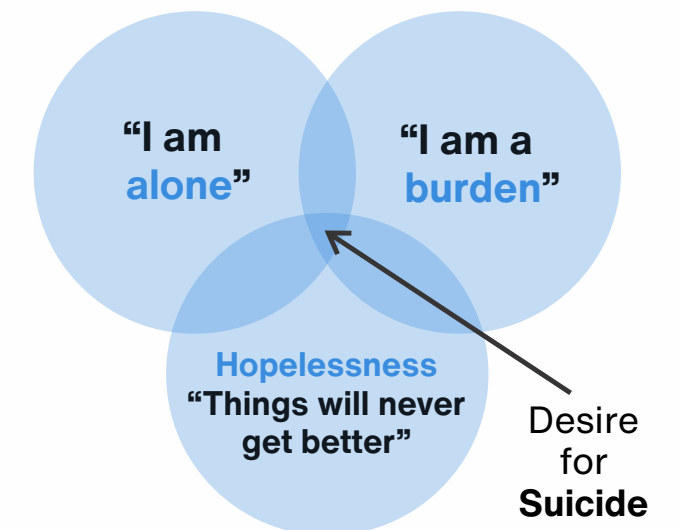
We lose over **800,000 people per year** to suicide

It is the **10th** biggest cause of death worldwide

Two of the **leading factors** that contribute to suicide is **isolation** and feeling like a **burden**

Speaking up when suicidal **isn't "attention seeking"**

Having mental health issues **doesn't make you "weak"**



Please share to raise awareness
#SupportSavesLives #BreakTheStigma

Source: THE DEPRESSION PROJECT

Resource List for East London and Alice

UFH SCU EL & ALICE

SCU EL 043 704 7017
 SCU ALICE 040 602 2681
 UFH Email r.naidoo@ufh.ac.za / tmsengana@ufh.ac.za
 Facebook Page SCU Student Counselling

UFH Wellness Unit for Staff

Ms Mandisa Tyanti mtantyi@ufh.ac.za

PRIVATE FACILITIES

LIFE St Dominics 043 707 9000
 LIFE Beacon Bay 043 711 5100

PUBLIC FACILITIES

Victoria Hospital 040 653 1141
 Police Station 24 hours 040 653 1817

PUBLIC FACILITIES

Frere Hospital (public) 043 709 2164
 Cecilia Makiwane (CMH) public 043 726 4917 / 043 708 2503/2324
 CMH Ward 9 (Psychology) 043 708 2526
 CHM Ward 13 (Psychiatry) 043 708 2524/ 2324
 Police Station 043 707 0600
 SANCA (Drug and alcohol abuse) . 043 722 1210/1257
 FAMSA 043 743 8277
 LIFELINE (Counselling) 0861 322 322 (24 HRS)
 Masithethe (Counselling) 043 7222 000
 Masimanyane (GBV) 043 743 9169
 AA 043 722 4033

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