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PROF MTOSE APPOINTED NEW VICE- CHANCELLOR OF UNIZULU

Professor Xoliswa Mtose has been appointed the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Zululand (UNIZULU).

Pictured above: Vice-Chancellor, Professor Xoliswa Mtose.

The appointment was announced on Wednesday 30 March 2016 by Mr Cyril Gamede, the chairperson of the University Council.

In a communiqué to the University community, Gamede wrote: "Professor Mtose was duly elected as Vice-Chancellor by the majority of Council members at the Council meeting on 29 March 2016. On behalf of the Council, we congratulate Professor Mtose on her appointment and wish her well with her term as Vice-Chancellor".

Before her appointment this week, Mtose had been responsible for steering the UNIZULU ship since October 2014 when she was appointed acting VC following the resignation of her predecessor.

Prof Mtose has been moving up the ranks of academia since she started her career as a lecturer at Rhodes University in 1996. She climbed up the ladder and became the Dean at the Faculty of Education at Fort Hare in 2009. In June 2013 she moved to the University of Zululand where she assumed the position of Dean of the Faculty of Education. In April 2014 she was appointed the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Teaching and Learning.

Prof Mtose is a well-known international scholar and also studied at the University of Harvard in the United States of America.

Prof Mtose is the seventh Vice-Chancellor appointed since 1960 when the University was established and is the third black female Vice Chancellor at UNIZULU.

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MESSAGE from the Managing Editor



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UNIZULU celebrates the recent appointment of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Mtose and wishes her every success in pioneering the next step on the University's path of being restructured for relevance.

As the year unfolds, UNIZULU Faculties and Departments are demonstrating commitment to research and education.

The Faculty of Arts welcomes a new Dean, Professor Gregory Kamwendo who has a vision for the Faculty to become a research leader at the

University. Setting the stakes high, the Faculty of Commerce, Administration and Law are initiating the MBALI research

conference in Richards Bay this July and are inviting papers for submission.

The Higher Education and Training HIV Aids Programme, in conjunction with the UNIZULU clinic, launched its First Things First campaign whereby over a thousand students were tested for HIV and educated in wellness living.

In a joint initiative, the Departments of Consumer Science and Biokinetics and Sports Science, visited a local primary school to educate them on the importance of healthy nutrition and exercise with the aim of addressing the dangers of obesity.

The impact of UNIZULU's contribution to successful graduates, is highlighted by the article on Alumnus, and author, Nana Mthimkhulu.

We look forward to sharing more of the exciting research and academic achievements during the course of 2016.

UPCOMING EVENTS

28 April – UNIZULU Open Day

CAMPUS NEWS

Hundreds get tested

Students have responded positively to the First Things First campaign, an HIV-mitigation and wellness promotion programme, held at UNIZULU's two campuses recently.

More than one thousand students came forward to take advantage of the services that were offered as part of the campaign. These included screenings for Tuberculosis and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs); HIV Counselling and testing and the Male Medical Circumcision programme.

Hlengiwe Mkhwanazi from the Campus Health Clinic, said in total 1061 students took part in the TB and STI screenings and HIV testing and counselling. In addition to that, 24 students took part in the Medical Male Circumcision while 12 000 scented condoms were distributed during the campaign week.

Mkhwanazi said the aim of the campaign was to address social and structural drivers of HIV, to prevent new HIV, STI



and TB infections, to sustain Health and Wellness and to increase the protection of human rights and improve access to justice. The campaign also forms part of a broader strategy and attempts towards the attainment of the UNAIDS' 90-90-90 target by 2020.

The 90-90-90 goal is an ambitious treatment target which seeks to ensure that by the year 2020, 90% of all people living with HIV will know their HIV status while 90% of all people with diagnosed HIV infection will be receiving sustained antiretroviral therapy and that 90% of all people receiving antiretroviral therapy will have viral suppression.

The First Things First campaign is a public-private partnership initiative led by the Higher Education and Training HIV Aids Programme (HEAIDS) to maximise opportunities for testing for HIV and promote wellness in Higher Education institutions.

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CAMPUS NEWS



New Arts Dean spearheads vision for research

Prof Gregory Kamwendo, a full professor in Sociolinguistics and Education, has been appointed the Dean of the Faculty of Arts at the University of Zululand. Prof Kamwendo, the former Dean and Head of UKZN's School of Education, assumed his new role at the beginning of March and has already spoken about his vision of seeing the Faculty of Arts becoming a research leader at the university.

"For this to happen, we need to double our efforts in mentoring, appointment of senior staff who can provide academic leadership, and the attainment of PhDs by academic staff. The ground is fertile. We simply need to create an enabling environment. While looking forward to having a research-active faculty, I am also mindful of not losing touch with the quest for quality teaching with responsible and meaningful community engagement," he said.

The Malawian-born Professor is a seasoned manager and administrator having previously occupied managerial positions at other universities across the African continent...

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UNIZULU raises the research bar for conference

The deadline for the submission of papers to the Management, Business, Administration and Legal Initiatives (MBALI) 2016 Conference has been extended to April 30. The MBALI conference, which will be held from the 6th to the 8th of July this year in Richards Bay, is being organised by the University of Zululand's Faculty of Commerce, Administration and Law. "We are all extremely excited about this event as it finally brings to fruition all that we have tried to accomplish in terms of the proliferation of research within our faculty... This conference, which is themed: Management, Business, Administration and Legal Initiatives (MBALI) is the beginning of great things for our faculty and the university community," said the organising team. The faculty further said it was expecting an intellectually stimulating, thought provoking and highly interactive event "given the local and global groundswell of research endeavours. The event promises to provide academic stimulation..."

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"Obesity is a silent killer"



The Departments of Consumer Science and Biokinetics & Sport Science recently hosted a joint community sports event at Khandisa Primary School in

Vulindlela. Consumer Science Department's Unathi Kolanisi said the Faculty of Science departments joined hands to take their classrooms to the community. The primary purpose was to teach the learners and teachers that healthy eating coupled with active body equals bright minds and a brighter future. "Obesity is a silent killer that is no longer just a public health challenge. It is a social, psychological and economic challenge that requires urgent attention," said Kolanisi.

She said that the event was also about showing true learning and also demonstrating a multi-disciplinary teaching and learning at universities and how they can improve the quality of life of students and communities. The school principal Msizeni Ntuli said the event was helpful. "It's important that the children are taught at a tender age to keep their bodies healthy by exercising," said Ntuli. It helps to interact with the university and the children were very happy and welcomed the initiative, said the principal...

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Alumnus publishes novel at 67

While holding a demanding government job, acclaimed international storyteller and UNIZULU Alumnus, Nana Mthimkhulu, has managed to find time to publish her novel titled, *It Sounds Only Like Yesterday*.



Set in apartheid South Africa the novel tells the story of two lovers, Linda and Lindiwe, who after getting caught up in political upheavals become separated by both distance and repressive laws, and also get estranged in the process. Mthimkhulu is not new to the world of writing. She has also penned more than 11 children's books that are going to the print in April 2016. She has however had to juggle her passion of writing and storytelling with the demanding position she holds at the City of Tshwane. She is currently employed as the Director: Presidential Hotline Operations in the Office of the Executive Mayor. Being in that post has led to her being able to assist in resolving a myriad of problems brought to the Executive Mayor's Office...

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