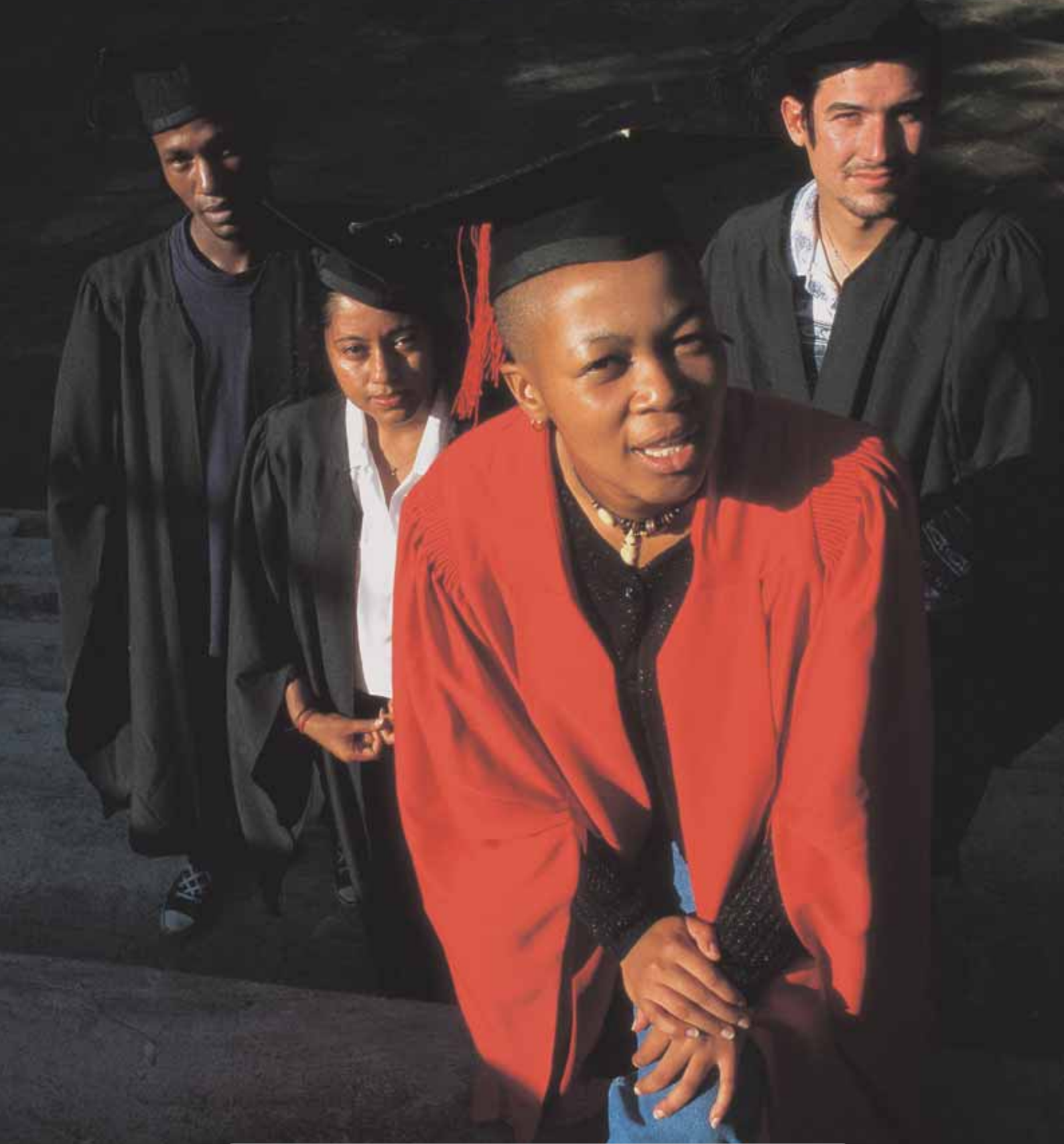


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Message from the Executive Director

Professor Anesh Maniraj Singh

The theme of this first publication for 2017 is: Thank You. We are saying thank you to our outgoing chairman for his dedicated, long standing relationship with UKZN and the Foundation, as well as thank you to some of our international donors, local corporate donors and to two distinguished alumni who have made substantial donations in both cash and kind.

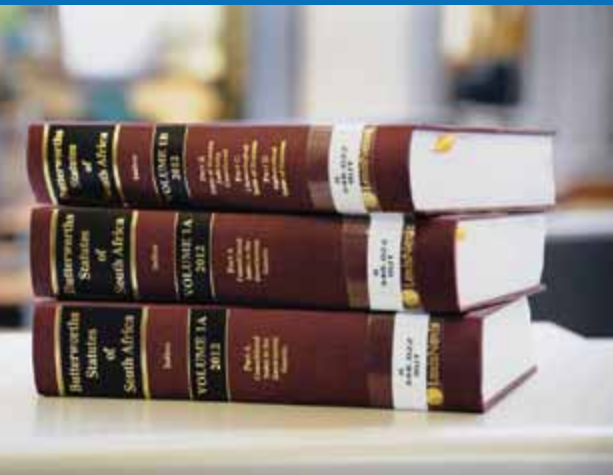
As we embrace 2017, we also embrace new challenges. The Foundation has been reliant on international donors for its income. However, with the political changes in two major donor countries – the United Kingdom and the United States – the impacts on international donations are uncertain. Furthermore, Africa, and more especially South Africa, are no longer seen as the destination of choice for donor investments. In order to continue supporting the strategic work of the University, the Foundation has to seek donations closer to home, especially since the major projects for which we are currently raising funds are somewhat more appealing to local donors. We are indeed grateful to our longstanding international donors who continue to share the vision and support the work of the University.

When I mentioned we are seeking donations closer to home, I meant it in its literal sense in that we are appealing to staff and alumni to become active and regular donors to the Foundation.

The Foundation has identified a major need for support for the Disability Unit and is focusing its appeals and campaigns to raise much-needed funds to provide a safe, accessible and enabling learning environment for our disabled students. I would like to encourage all our readers to make a contribution to help us support the Disability Support Unit at UKZN.

Once again, to all our active donors I say Thank You!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Anesh". The signature is stylized and cursive.



Farewell to the outgoing Chairperson

Long-serving Trustee and Chairperson of the UKZN Foundation's Board of Trustees, Dr Warren Clewlow, has stepped down after more than 20 years of distinguished service.

Dr Clewlow was renowned for his ability to listen deeply and intently, distill often diverse and opposing contributions, and then make deftly crafted, constructive decisions that were supported by the entire Board.

Dr Clewlow has the distinction of being the Foundation's longest serving Chair of the Board of Governors and the Board of Trustees and is lauded for having successfully navigated the Board through the heights of the property boom of the 2000s as well as the economic turmoil of the 2006-2007 global economic meltdown. His consistent and determined service has been widely and unanimously acknowledged.

Dr Clewlow, whose love and desire to serve UKZN was kindled early in his life and in his career as a businessman, attended the former University of Natal in Durban - one of the institutions which many years later would form the new merged UKZN.

It was on the Howard College campus that a young and determined Warren Clewlow studied to become an accountant. 'This University (University of Natal) moulded me and made it possible for me to achieve all I have to date,' said Dr Clewlow.

In 1988, the university awarded him an Honorary Doctorate in Economics, an honour he is extremely proud of.

The Executive Director of the Foundation, Professor Anesh Singh, commented: 'Dr Clewlow is a distinguished captain of Industry who brought his vast business experience and knowledge of the philanthropic sector to the Foundation. His unique academic training, business acumen and experience, coupled with an active participation in philanthropic circles, enhanced the work of the UKZN Foundation tremendously.'

Dr Clewlow is no stranger to chairing organisations, both in the profit and non-profit world, as he has at one time or another been Chair or Director of leading South African companies, including CG Smith, Barloworld, Sasol, Old Mutual, Nedbank and Iscor as well as several non-profit organisations such as the UKZN Foundation. Although he has risen to the highest echelons of corporate South Africa, Dr Clewlow has remained a humble leader, who describes himself as a good example of a 'middle class South African' who attended primary and secondary school and university, all a stone's throw from his home in Glenwood, Durban.

UKZN's Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Dr Albert van Jaarsveld, noted: 'We value the work and the positive role Warren has played at the UKZN Foundation over the years during which time the Board operated at the highest level of governance and strategy. This was evidenced by the outstanding results of the Foundation over a substantial period of time.'

Dr Clewlow's desire to assist the less fortunate has been pursued quietly, without any desire for accolades.

Dr Clewlow says he has been a Trustee of the UKZN Foundation for 'a long time' and now feels it is time to step down and hand over the reins. 'I believe the Board is in excellent hands with Mr Mac Mia as Chair.

Mac is no stranger to serving at UKZN, and has a proven track record and the vision to lead the Board to new heights.'

Dr Clewlow argues that UKZN's leadership in the field of medical research is a prime example of the kind of excellence that can be achieved. This hope and optimism is tempered by caution. 'Our youth must be committed to their own development and grasp the many opportunities in the world because they don't fall into one's lap. Hard work is required in a context of an increasingly globalised and competitive world.'

Upon reflection, Dr Clewlow says among the benefits of having served the institution for more than 20 years, is the privilege to have worked with all four past Vice-Chancellors and the current Vice-Chancellor, Dr van Jaarsveld, who has a great responsibility to lead a complex university through turbulent times. 'Despite the many and complex challenges the University faces, I remain optimistic about its future.'



Dr Warren Clewlow, outgoing Chairman of UKZN Board of Trustees



Acting Dean of the School of Law, Prof Lienne Steyn receiving law books

Generous Book Donation

Retired Regional Court Magistrate Mr Poobalin Pillay has donated his entire personal collection of Law Reports to UKZN's School of Law. 'I would rather see a pillar institution of our community – as UKZN is – receive these valuable reports than to selfishly keep them in my family,' said Mr Pillay.

Commenting on this donation, Professor Lienne Steyn, the current acting Dean of the School of Law, said: 'On behalf of the School of Law I express our deep gratitude to Mr Poobalin Pillay for his significant donation to our library resources and we particularly acknowledge his valuable contribution benefiting present and future law students at UKZN, his alma mater.'

Mr Pillay remembers his time at the then University of Durban-Westville (UDW) fondly. Emerging from humble beginnings to attend the university in the late 1970s, he developed a passion for the fight for equality and justice during his time there, which later led to him joining the National Association of Democratic Lawyers (NADEL) and the Black Lawyers Association (BLA).

Throughout his career in private practice, in the 1980s, Mr Pillay took on cases involving working class people, many of whom did not have the financial means to pursue the matters.

Mr Pillay presided over numerous cases in far-flung rural areas from Izingolweni to Verulam, Escourt and Dundee, and this experience and service to the larger community strengthened his sense of justice. He recounts numerous tragic cases where the most vulnerable members of the community were victims of

violent crimes, gross abuse and murder. Without the excellent legal grounding he received at UDW, Mr Pillay says he would not have been able to serve with a wide knowledge of the law and a deep passion for equality, fairness and justice.

His identification with the downtrodden and vulnerable was strengthened during later years when he was himself injured and disabled. Mr Pillay's story is in distinct contrast to the image sometimes portrayed of the law profession as being full of prestige and easy money, and involvement in corporate deals and multi-million rand transactions. The provision of legal representation to the vulnerable in society, particularly women, children and the disabled, is vital if equality and justice for all is to become a reality in present day South Africa.

Mr Pillay is adamant that everything possible must be done to ensure quality legal education continues at UKZN. 'Hopefully my small donation will contribute to making the next generation of lawyers trained at UKZN really great!'

Lignotech Launches Partnership with UKZN

UKZN Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Dr Albert Van Jaarsveld, and the Executive Director of the UKZN Foundation, Professor Anesh Singh, visited the LignoTech Plant in Umkomaas, south of Durban.

Lignotech SA is one of the University's new private sector partners. The purpose of the short visit was to thank LignoTech for choosing to support UKZN and to strengthen relations with them as key industry partners.

LignoTech SA, a subsidiary of the Norway-based chemical producer Borregaard, has demonstrated a high level of social responsibility with a generous R1 350 000 donation towards nurturing the next generation of students at UKZN.

According to its website, Borregaard LignoTech is the world's leading supplier of lignin-based binding and dispersing agents producing environmentally friendly alternatives to oil-based chemicals. Borregaard LignoTech's organisation has more than 60 years of experience in specialty chemicals, lignins and lignosulfonates. Their products are used as dispersing agents in concrete, textile dyes, pesticides, batteries and ceramic products and as binding agents in animal feeds, briquetting and various dust suppression applications.

Speaking on behalf of the UKZN Council, staff and students, Dr van Jaarsveld thanked LignoTech for their generous contribution towards student funding at the University. He said many academically sound students were having

difficulty funding their studies and that the donation would provide welcome financial relief to those affected. In student funding every cent counted and the donation would assist many struggling students.

The General Manager of Borregaard LignoTech South Africa, Mr Mark Antonie, says the investment is part of the company's Corporate Social Responsibility Initiative and was made in the light of recent announcements in the media that the company had made a firm decision to support the education and training of both their employees and the broader community.

Mr Antonie said the donation was in response to challenges facing education as LignoTech was aware of a shortage of funding necessary for students to complete their studies. LignoTech was happy to deal with UKZN as the institution had a good reputation and credibility for reporting on and administering funds properly.

The funds are specifically for second and third year students who have an average pass rate of 60% in the disciplines of Accountancy, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry and Organic Chemistry, said Mr Antonie. A further requirement was that 80% of the funds were used for black students and the remainder split among other race groups. The maximum amount of the bursary for each candidate would not exceed R75 000.

The UKZN Foundation's Executive Director, Professor Anesh Singh, said: '2016 was a difficult year for Higher Education in respect of student funding. It is therefore encouraging to receive support from LignoTech and other donors who acknowledge that the University alone cannot fund students from the 'missing middle'. I thank LignoTech for its contribution to this noble cause of giving the gift of knowledge.'

Mr Antonie indicated that in terms of strengthening relationships, LignoTech would consider cooperation around internships.

Dr van Jaarsveld added that UKZN was keen to enhance students' studies with workplace exposure in niche industries. 'It is important for universities to partner with industry so that students get a well-rounded education and are relevant to the requirements of employers.'



General Manager of Borregaard LignoTech South Africa Mr Mark Antonie (left) with UKZN Vice-Chancellor Dr Albert van Jaarsveld

TATA Invests in UKZN Post-Graduate Students

Twenty-four UKZN post-graduate students were awarded prestigious TATA scholarships at a ceremony on the Westville campus.

The scholarships are awarded to top performing, disadvantaged post-graduate students from different fields to assist them fund their academic studies.

In his official welcome address, UKZN Vice-Chancellor and Principal Dr Albert van Jaarsveld congratulated the students and reminded them how highly they were valued by the University as 'you make it easier for us to grow our nation. We can't wait to see you collecting your degrees and changing the world for the better.'

Dr van Jaarsveld thanked TATA for the continued support the organisation provided to UKZN students 'as investing in the youth is the best thing a nation and the University can do'.

Executive Director and Head of TATA's distribution vertical, Mr Len Brand, said 66% of the motor manufacturing company's income was distributed

to a trust which used the money for community upliftment. He said the company's philosophy was to 'give back' to communities they did business in and with.

Masters in Housing student, Mr Thabiso Tenza, said he had feared he would have to put his studies on hold but now the scholarship would help him complete his degree.

Town and Regional Planning recipient, Mr Ntlahla Tshezi – the first child in his family to attend university – said pursuing a post-graduate qualification was one of the toughest decisions he had to make and many had questioned it. He thanked UKZN and TATA for making the dream of an African child possible.

From left: Dr Albert van Jaarsveld – UKZN VC, Mr Ntlahla Tshezi – student and Mr Len Brand – representative of Tata





Consistent Support from MOTT Foundation

UKZN's Centre for Civil Society (CCS) has paid tribute to the Charles Stewart (CS) Mott Foundation, which has for several years provided core funding to support the work of the Centre.

The new Director of the Centre, Dr Shauna Mottiar, said: 'The work of the CCS is to advance socioeconomic and environmental justice by developing critical knowledge about, for and in dialogue with civil society through teaching, research and publishing.'

Dr Mottiar, who was Acting Director of the Centre from 1 May last year, was recently appointed to the position following the departure of her predecessor, Professor Patrick Bond, who took up a professorship in political economy at Wits University.

In the 2015/2016 cycle, the Mott Foundation core grant has allowed the Centre to expand its formal teaching programmes with the formulation of a template for an Honours Course titled: *Philanthropy and Development*. This course contributes to both entrenching philanthropy as an academic discipline and developing the idea of an African narrative on philanthropy to promote Southern African Indigenous Knowledge.

The Mott funding has also allowed the Centre to continue its main research areas: civil society, social movements, social protest, socioeconomic and environmental justice, political economy and social justice philanthropy, all of which have produced several academic publications, research reports and media commentary.

Recent examples of this include an edited volume published by the HSRC Press (2016) titled: *Philanthropy in South Africa: Horizontality, Ubuntu and Social Justice*; and a book published by Jacana Press (2015) titled: *Brics*.

Also published was an anti-capitalist critique as well as several journal articles focusing on social movements and social protest, which appeared

in *Development and Change*, *Democratisation*, *Journal of Contemporary African Studies* and *Politikon*.

Centre staff also supervise several PhD candidates within these research areas, including activists from the Treatment Action Campaign and Human Rights Watch.

Furthermore, the CCS has an active and vibrant seminar series with presenters including international fellows, academics and civil society activists.

The Mott grant has made possible the continuation of the CCS Community Scholarship Initiative, which involves participation by members of civil society organisations/movements such as the Right 2 Know Campaign, allowing for exchanges between CCS academics and local civil society organisations. This initiative ensures that theoretical understandings of the concept 'civil society' are underpinned by practical experiences and likewise that civil society organisations linked with the CCS have an opportunity to participate in evolving formulations of theories on civil society and are capacitated to use them in their own environments.

Dr Mottiar says the CCS is most grateful to the CS Mott Foundation as its continued support has enabled them to continue a diverse range of teaching, research and civil society engagements.

UKZN Foundation Hosts Goodwill Ambassadors Tour

The UKZN Foundation's Goodwill Ambassador programme where retired graduates take on the role of developing networks for the advancement of UKZN was recently taken forward via a tour of the Africa Health Research Institute (AHRI) in Durban. The purpose of this tour was to expose and reorient the Goodwill Ambassadors to some of the ground breaking research work and facilities at UKZN.

AHRI is a ground-breaking, new interdisciplinary institute whose mission is to fight Tuberculosis (TB), HIV and related diseases. AHRI brings together leading researchers from different fields, uses cutting-edge science to improve people's health, and helps to train the next generation of African scientists. AHRI has two sites, one at the UKZN Nelson R. Mandela School of Medicine campus in Durban, and another in northern KwaZulu-Natal in the Somkhele area.

Population-based studies are conducted from Somkhele while the Durban site hosts laboratories and core operations. Its interdisciplinary 'population to laboratory – and back to population' approach to addressing the TB and HIV co-epidemic comes at a critical time.

Despite advances in antiretroviral therapy and talk of the 'end of Aids', HIV and HIV-related TB remain devastating diseases, with TB among the leading causes of death in South Africa. KZN has the highest HIV burden while TB is responsible for more than 14% of all deaths in the province. The emergence of drug resistant strains of TB and HIV meanwhile present a major public health crisis.

AHRI staff led the UKZN Goodwill Ambassadors on a tour of AHRI's Durban site. The building can accommodate six to nine large scientific research groups working in both standard laboratories and specialised biosafety level 3 (BSL3) facilities. The BSL3 labs allow scientists to safely work with dangerous airborne diseases such as TB.

The Goodwill Ambassadors also stopped in at AHRI's Bioengineering Laboratory, where they spoke to several students about their research. The AHRI Bioengineering Laboratory hosts the first microfluidic chip-making foundry in Africa, Medical microchip systems are being developed with the aim of providing low-cost, sample-in-answer-out disease diagnostic devices to address the HIV and TB epidemics.

The tour ended on an inspiring note with retired, yet still very active, Goodwill Ambassadors thanking Mr James Trinder and the knowledgeable AHRI team for an inspirational morning spent with them. Goodwill Ambassador, Dr Alex Coutts, said the tour of the remarkable building gave a whole new meaning to the word 'complex', with the focus of the tour on the building being world class and cutting-edge.

Fellow Goodwill Ambassadors Peter and Bobby Eldridge said: 'We greatly appreciate every aspect of the information talks, the fascinating and enormously illuminating tour of the remarkable building, the warm welcome and the kind hospitality from the AHRI team.'

No doubt our Goodwill Ambassadors will continue to be inspired to raise support and show goodwill on behalf of the university as we continue to showcase our magnificent facilities.



Goodwill Ambassador tour of AHRI



Successful African Music and Dance Event

UKZN's African Music and Dance (AMD) discipline hosted the 11th Annual African Cultural Calabash and African Cuisine at the Centre for Jazz and Popular Music on UKZN's Howard College campus.

The event was organised by third-year African Music Outreach: Community Development students under the theme: *Soul of Africa in One Voice*, and supported by an ANT Funding Grant from Pro Helvetia, Johannesburg, and financed by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), the National Arts Council of South Africa, Concerts SA and the SAMRO Foundation.

AMD student, Mr Philani Thabethe, said: 'We chose the theme simply because we feel it encompasses the spirit and unity of Africa. The concert itself showcases a variety of African music and dance from across the continent and pays homage to Africa and its soul and diversity.'

'The Calabash is an institution. Regular concert-goers and newcomers to the event say it is an amazing, learning experience. The concert helps us appreciate what Africa has, and is a celebration of our cultures and heritage,' said Mr Thabethe.

The programme for the event included guest speaker and story teller Mr Lungisani Mavundla of Ukhozi FM, a headlining concert by Maskandi Bahubhe from uMzinto Jolvet, who joined the music industry as a recording

artist in 2011, releasing three albums: *Kuyasinda* (2011), *Mpundula* (2014) and *Iquantum* (2015).

Other performances include an act by Ubukhipha of Hluhluwe who were the winners of the Sakhisizwe awards for best attire in 2013 and were best performers in 2015.

Lecturer for the African Music and Dance module, Dr Patricia Opondo, said: 'We are very grateful to our funders as hosting the African Cultural Calabash provides an important learning experience for final-year students as they are taught how to curate a folk-life festival event and handle all the responsibilities involved in organising something of this magnitude. It also provides a great platform for artists from various genres of music/dance and from different parts of Africa to converge and share their cultural heritage.'

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Dr Vasan Govind Initiates a Legacy Fund

Dr Vasan Govind, one of the first graduates of the then University of Natal's Medical School established during the apartheid years as a school for Africans, Indians and Coloureds, is sponsoring an annual prize in the Department of Surgery at the UKZN Medical School.

Dr Govind is one of the first persons of colour who trained and qualified as a surgeon in the 1970s – an era when there were no black surgeons in the country.

While the University of Witwatersrand's Dr Seelan Pillay was the first graduate of colour to specialise in surgery in South Africa, Dr Govind was part of the fifth cohort of graduates to complete his studies at the University of Natal's Medical School a year later. His contemporaries included the well-known Dr Joe Domingo of Greenwood Park as well as Mr Haroon Ameen of Newcastle. The Head of Department at the time was Professor DS Chapman.

Despite numerous barriers put in place by the apartheid system to stifle the progression of black medical professionals, Dr Govind remained committed to completing his training. Later he would share these hardships with his students encouraging them to see that it was possible to overcome discrimination and to succeed against all odds. After qualifying at the Medical School, Dr Govind completed his fellowship in London, demonstrating great passion for and talent in the field.

He was one of the first individuals to go into private practice as a specialist consultant surgeon at Durban's St Aiden's Hospital which serviced the Indian and Coloured communities. The main reason for him joining the hospital was because he could not access research opportunities which were very limited and not easily available for persons of colour.

A true pioneer leading the way for future medical specialists, Dr Govind remained loyal and supportive of the training of new specialists in the field of surgery. This is evidenced by his more than 50-year association with the Medical School's Department of Surgery where he has maintained a strong association and consistently supported teaching, learning and practice in the field of surgery. Despite his busy schedule, he has continued to contribute his time, knowledge and financial resources to numerous generations of surgeons in training.

'Dr Govind represents a rare breed of individuals who derive pleasure and enjoyment from engaging and supporting the up and coming generation,' said current Acting Head of Surgery at UKZN, Professor Bhugwan Singh, who interacted with Dr Govind while they were both students at the Medical School.

His support for the Discipline's seminar programme has been unwavering. As a result, the programme has grown and with the development of webinars it has been streamed internationally. This seminar platform has facilitated knowledge exchanges and has strengthened practice in the field of surgery both locally and internationally.

Professor Bhugwan Singh said: 'I have been personally touched by Dr Govind's sustained moral and financial commitment to the seminar which has a long and proud history going back about 70 years. His generous contribution of R100 000 will sustain this prize into the future creating an incentive for young students to be diligent and to excel.' Professor Bhugwan Singh also commented that Dr Govind has left an amazing legacy in the field of surgery, making a major contribution to the majority of surgeons trained in KwaZulu-Natal with almost all those specialising in surgery having passed through his hands.

The Executive Director of the UKZN Foundation Professor Anesh Singh, said: 'We are indeed grateful to have alumni such as Dr Govind who are giving back to the institution. Dr Govind is a living example of the UKZN Foundation's core commitment which is to give others the gift of knowledge. Dr Govind has chosen to contribute both in service and financially to the next generation of specialist surgeons thereby ensuring that each student is able to realise his or her potential.'

The UKZN School of Surgery has produced numerous leaders and pioneers and Dr Vasan Govind is certainly among them.



Dr Govind with awards from UKZN



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