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Graduation Edition

CONGRATULATIONS! GELUK! HA LA LA!

To all Faculty of Education graduates - WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!

Faculty of Education graduation ceremonies were held on 21st & 22nd April 2010



PROUD OF OUR ACCOMPLISHED COLLEAGUES! Dr Raj Kurup, Prof Paul Webb (supervisor to all),
Dr Lyn Webb, Dr Andre du Plessis & Dr Mary-Grace Villanueva

“... The graduation confirmed and affirmed for me my commitment to this work we do. ... I see this work as our bringing teachers into the world, and support their continuing professional development, through teaching, engagement, searching and researching ways of dealing with the multiple challenges that face us in the arena of education, and indeed, in life.

So, **WELL DONE, Faculty of Education!** Enjoy the sense of reward that comes from your hard work, and bask in the glow of our collective achievements.”

~ Denise

Executive Dean: Faculty of Education

Heloise graduates : *MBA Cum Laude*



** Faculty of Education Graduation Figures **

Total of **1,292 GRADUATES** in 2010

461 Diplomates

301 ACEs

220 B Ed Degrees

60 PGCEs

234 Honours Degrees

4 PGDEs

4 Master's Degrees

8 Doctoral Degrees

**= 26% of the total number of Graduates at NMMU
& thus the largest % of graduates whilst being the second smallest faculty in the university!**

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Shervani attends the HE Summit as part of the university delegation



At the VC's request, Shervani joined of the NMMU delegation that attended the **Stakeholder Summit on Higher Education Transformation** as an academic staff member. The summit was held on the 22 and 23 April 2010 at Cape Peninsula University of Technology's Bellville Campus. The NMMU delegation included the VC, Chair of Council, SRC President and SHERVANI... Well done, we are proud of you and look forward to you sharing your experience.

The Summit is an initiative of the Minister of Higher Education and Training and was the first of a number of initiatives aimed at building a common understanding of higher education and a sense of cohesion between the various stakeholders involved in the sector. Accordingly, the Summit sought to:

1. *Revisit the notion of transformation holistically, focussing on issues of access, equity and quality in relation to the core functions of higher education;*
2. *Examine the role of higher education in national development;*
3. *Identify key objectives for the higher education sector and;*
4. *Discuss the need, feasibility and possible modalities for more systematic and structured communication between the sector and the Minister of Higher Education and Training.*

Keeping a beady eye on lecturers at work...



This is the sight that greeted Sylvan Bignaut one morning as he looked out of his Faculty office window. The next day the snake returned to its comfortable perch to observe what it is that keeps lecturers so busy in their offices. Sylvan asked me to 'come and see' - at which stage I took this photograph. Craig Breedt of Horticultural Services arrived soon thereafter, identified it as a Juvenile Boomslang and carefully cut away the branches to discourage it from returning to this sunny spot once again.

Give it our greetings if you see it outside your window! At least the monkeys won't come and steal your lunch box while he's there!

~ Bill Holderness

Welcome Dr Henshaw

Prof Elizabeth Henshaw joins us from the Feinstein School of Education and Human Development for part of her 2010 sabbatical. She aims to carry out a study on classroom diversity in teaching and learning in teacher preparation programmes.

"I am interested in finding out how our two institutions are preparing teacher candidates to meet the challenges of cultural diversity in the classroom. My ultimate goal is to establish a partnership between our two institutions."

Please feel free to include Prof Henshaw in your lectures, school visits and other such activities to make her feel welcome at NMMU Faculty of Education, and in our great city and country!

Elizabeth is in office 06 01 6G and her extension is x4257. Email: ehenshaw@ric.edu ~ Laetitia



Jaawayer Dolley, 63, of Parkside, is the oldest student to graduate from NMMU this year... and she was an ACE HAT student!

Jaawayer is a mother of four, who has juggled looking after her grand-

children and teaching at Fontein Primary School while studying towards the Advanced Certificate in Education (HIV and Aids in Teaching). She plans to use the skills and knowledge gained on the programme to work in her community. **Congratulations! We are very proud of you!**

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SOCIAL DIARY

Ronette's daughter, Cailin, was crowned 1st Princess Junior Miss Port Elizabeth 2010. Congratulations!



... & Jackie E-G's daughter's boyfriend, Mathew (above), was crowned Mr Teen PE 2010!

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with Theuns!



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Hester being treated to a soulful rendition of the Beatles' "When I'm 64" (words tweaked by Bill!) on her 64th birthday...

Siya gets married - **CONGRATULATIONS Siya & Nomava!**

Now that we are married my wife, Nomava Sifuba, has also got another traditional name of "Milisa" which means "building up & strengthen the family". When a girl gets married, in our custom, she has to change her clothing and dress up in a traditional way for a period of time. This function or event is called "ukunxitywa kukaMakoti" which means the dressing up of a young woman and this function is strictly controlled by elder women. They start by dressing her up in traditional clothes and then the sister of the groom will be the one who will give her a new name that has a special meaning. After that she will be brought in front of other elderly women to give her words of wisdom, share some counselling on how to behave as a women and how to treat her husband and the whole family. Then after the long speeches she will have to serve food for everyone with assistance of family relatives. There will be a lot of traditional singing and dancing, and then after the function there is a process called "ukuhota" which means serving her in-laws for some time by doing cleaning, washing and cooking. Most people start with a western function or 'white wedding' ceremony and finish with *ukunxitywa kukaMakoti*, but we decided to start with the traditional ceremony (*ukunxitywa kukaMakoti*) and then some time in the future we will do a white wedding ceremony. ~ Siya



Congratulations SYLVAN on winning the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship!

We are very proud of you, and know you will continue to do NMMU proud as you take up your position at Washington University later this year. ~ Denise

PS GET BETTER SOON!

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless." Mother Teresa

STERKTE CHRISTINA

Ons almal dink aan u en die familie gedurende hierdie moeilike tyd

CONDOLENCES to several of our colleagues on their loss

Basheera, Darrilyn & Annaline *OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE WITH EACH OF YOU*

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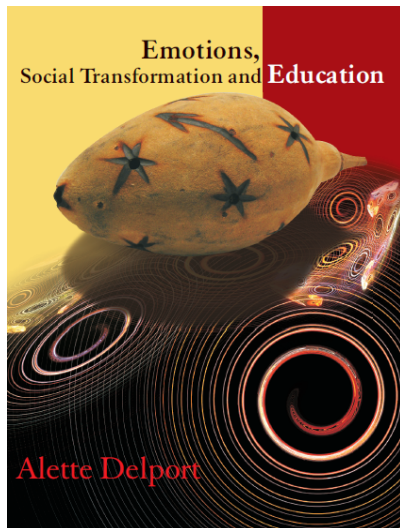
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Guest Lecture by Eileen Raymond, US Fulbright Scholar

Our very own visiting Fulbright scholar, Dr Eileen Raymond, delivered a guest lecture this month at the invitation of the Office for International Education. Her topic, *"Inclusive Schools, Inclusive Societies: Reconsidering Education in light of Education White Paper #6, the Salamanca Statement (UNESCO) and Universal Design for Learning"* was thought provoking and insightful, and stimulated lively interaction during and after the event. *Thanks Eileen!*

The presentation can be found on [g/drive/items of interest/E Raymond - Lecture 2010.04.14 - Inclusive Ed.ppt](#)

Alette publishes



Published by UNISA, the book *Emotions, Social Transformation and Education* will be launched and marketed soon.

"Emotions, Social Transformation and Education addresses the topic, education of emotions in the context of a transforming South African society. It attempts to reconfigure the conceptual landscape in terms of rationality, social transformation and education. It contests the intellectual and instrumental prejudice in the currently dominant ways of thinking about education. It reclaims a sense of how to think of education in terms of cultivating humanity, as a key to the profound transformation of the South African society, and argues that the emotions should be relocated in our conception of transformation and education."

Congrats Alette!



New SRC Rep
for the faculty

Mohamed ('aka' Zubeir)
Ebrahim is our new SRC rep!

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7 – 8 May 2010 PE Campus
14 – 15 May George Campus

... enjoying the many amenities available in the Resource Centre ...

