



NEWS

Graduation Edition

"It was a real joy to be amongst my colleagues capturing these very special and proud moments in the lives of our new graduates and our lives as a faculty!"

Prof D Zinn

GRADUATION 2013



Dale Barman, Michaela Jacobs, Jiminy Eskok,
Zaheera Mohamed and Rezaan Baartzes - PGCE students

Congratulations to our new graduates and those who accompanied them on their journey!

Prof Denise Zinn

What a joy to see our two new doctors, Dr Nokhanyo Mayaba, and Dr Vuks Tshazibana walk across the stage to be capped, against the background of all their colleagues rising to applaud their achievement. What a moving picture you all made. We now have one of the largest percentage of doctorates on staff in our faculty, so well done, learned colleagues!

It was a proud moment also to see how many colleagues in local schools and also the Department of Education received diplomas, certificates and degrees, many cum laude! We are proud of them. Both Tues and Sat graduation ceremonies were full to capacity, and we graduated close to 1000 students this year.

QUALIFICATION	2013 Graduates	2012
NPDE & ACES	449	473
B.Ed :	252	207
- FP	51	42
- IP	94	72
- SP (upgrading)	53	61
- FET	46	36
PGCE	75	60
Honours	177	153
Masters	12	7
Doctorates	10	6



Final graduations

Dr Lynn Webb

BEd FET (Mathematics) Upgrading and ACE:Mathematical Literacy

As the MRTEQ policy dictates that ACT and ADE qualifications will replace old offerings, the last NMMU BEd FET (Maths) Upgrading and ACE:ML graduates walked across the stage in April.

My connection with BEd FET Upgrading started in Mthatha in 2000 when weekend visits to Mthatha, travelling with Japie Engelbrecht or Geoff Booth, resulted in lasting connections – students who became long-term tutors for NMMU in the area. Through Paul's connection with Sharanjeet Shan of the Maths Centre, the BEd FET (Maths) spread country wide and was funded by Zenex in Polokwane; by Sasol in Sasolburg; by Telkom in Tsolo, Newcastle, Durban, Virginia and Bloemfontein – and was delivered repeatedly by NMMU centres in Port Elizabeth, Mthatha, King Williams' Town, Queenstown, Durban and George.

A stalwart of the programme has been Flip Potgieter who has travelled the length and breadth of the country to deliver block sessions on mathematics modules. A sense of the students' respect for Flip is typified by the occasion when the whole class travelled to his home to wish him well after his bypass operation. Many of the students have joined the Grey, GMSA or Govan Mbeki projects and spend their Saturdays teaching learners, using the skills and knowledge they have gleaned at NMMU. They are giving back to the community...



Sbu congratulates Mrs Ntuli from Durban



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Prof Flip Potgieter and *Cum Laude* graduates.



KZN high school principal, and his wife.

Dr Sbu Mhlangu has tutored for NMMU in Durban since 2006 and has had 100% pass rate each year. In his words, "It was with tears of joy that I saw them, one by one, going to be capped, knowing that I had contributed to their success. Seeing their family members and taking pictures with them was another experience I will never forget about NMMU."

The BEd FET Upgrading and ACE: ML programmes have served their time, but they have also served the mathematics and mathematical literacy communities of practice in South Africa well...



After graduation on Tuesday the whole graduation class and their lecturers celebrated with an extended braai at Flip's house. Thank you to the Dean, Jeff, Hugh and Elsa for their support, and to Flip and Sally for their hospitality. The speech by Brenley Bruiners brought tears to many eyes, and the cohort is determined to study together again for Honours from 2014. Congratulations to Cordelia Fali and Patricia Mngqeta who graduated cum laude- no mean feat for this part-time qualification that includes one and a half years of pure mathematics! In addition one of the 'cum laude ladies' has simultaneously been studying for an engineering diploma.

The present ACE: Mathematical Literacy was developed in 2004 as a Department of Education initiative to reskill existing teachers in the new subject. We have been privileged to have had Aarnout Brombacher and Marc North, creators of the NCS and CAPS ML curricula, as mentors during the development and delivery of the programme. The NMMU qualification has also spread countrywide as it was delivered in Lusikisiki, Bizana, King Williams' Town and Port Elizabeth in its first offering. Subsequently the "train the tutor" model was cascaded to over 1600 teachers in KwaZuluNatal; 450 teachers in North West; over 900 teachers in Mpumalanga and over 1300 teachers in Limpopo.

Of the last cohort of 16 students from Durban, 10 attended graduation and 6 were delayed en route by the bus drivers' strike. Four out of the 16 students graduated cum laude, including a married couple.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 2013 EDUCATION GRADUATES



Prof Zinn and Dr Deirdre Geduld celebrate with some of our newest M Ed graduates



Chrystal Abrahams, Bridget Botha and Kirsten Rademan - PGCE graduates



Mickale and Michael Barry (father and son) celebrate!



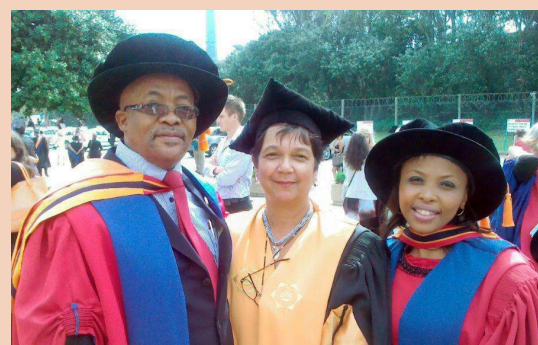
Newly capped Dr Nokhanyo Mayaba (second left) is pictured with Executive Dean, Prof Denise Zinn (far left), and doctoral supervisor, Prof Lesley Wood (second right), along with her husband and mum



Yoliswa Madiya, Bonani Kholeke, Edith Ngobona, Godfrey Ritells, Sandra van Staden and Sindi Lotha (BE graduates)



This is a very happy family



Prof Zinn and with Dr Chris Dali and Dr Nokhanyo Mayaba



Suraya Hassim and Victoria Vassen



Dale Barman, Michaela Jacobs, Jiminy Eskok, Zaheera Mohamed and Rezaan Baartzes - PGCE students



Mcebisi Blayi with his wife, children and supervisor, Dr Logamurthie Athiemoolam and his mum