

**DREAM, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE:
CWP AND CELL C COLLABORATE**



ABOVE: Nkarabeng Secondary School learners with CWP Maluti A Phofung Site Manager Carl Maluleka.

Dream, believe and achieve: this was the message girl learners from Nkarabeng Secondary School in Kestell, Maluti A Phofung Municipality, Free State Province, were left with after a tour around [Community Work Programme \(CWP\)](#) sites which LIMA Rural Development Foundation implements in the province, alongside non-profit organisation Tholwana E Molemo.

The message was simply a reiteration of this year's theme for the Cell C Foundation's [Take a Girl Child to Work Day](#) campaign, which the two organisations have participated in twice before- but in Setsoto Municipality.

Every year, through this campaign, the Cell C Foundation seeks to empower girl learners, in grades 10 to 12, by exposing them to the various career opportunities available to them and reinforcing the essence of education. To achieve this, the Foundation thus calls upon companies all around the country to accommodate girl learners for a day, where they (the learners) can get insight into a specific field.

The Nkarabeng learners were taken to three sites - two in Kestell and one in Harrismith - where they met with and saw products of work done by CWP participants involved in agricultural, construction, sewing and knitting projects.

While the aim of the tour was for the learners to get insight into the CWP programme (a safety net for the unemployed youth), they were also encouraged to aspire to obtain qualifications in the fields of their desires. This, they were told, would require investing a lot of time in their studies. In this way, they will be able to change the dire situations in their homes.



THIS EVENT IS A COLLABORATION BETWEEN:



COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAMME

A SPORTY AFFAIR: YOUTH DAY CWP FESTIVITIES



ABOVE LEFT: The top three cyclists get their medals after the challenge. From left, Riaan Van Wyk (3rd prize), Mr Khotso (1st prize) and Tshepo Mabaso (2nd prize).

On June 16, Setsoto CWP, in conjunction with various stakeholders within the municipality, successfully hosted a jam-packed Youth Day event in Clocolan. Aimed at promoting youth engagement in sports, the main activities of the day were a 5 kilometre run, a soccer tournament and a 20 kilometre cycling race.

The top performers in the three competitions were awarded different prizes, an incentive which they highly appreciated.

Local Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres were also invited to participate in the event. The learners were also taken on educational tours.

With the sponsorship of local businesses, ECD practitioners were also able to cater food for the little ones. The turnout was great and the crowd was in high spirits, even more so during the entertainment segment. The line-up included a gumboot dance performance, some impressive cycling stunts by Botshabelo Cyclers and music by local DJs and artists.

MANDELA DAY: CWP GOING BEYOND 67 MINUTES

During the month of July, CWP teams across the Thabo Mafutsanyana District in the Free State celebrated International Mandela Day. Mandela Day has become known for inspiring individuals to take action to help change the world by joining a global movement of giving up 67 minutes to contribute to the empowerment of communities everywhere. Free State CWP participants went beyond 67 minutes by sewing hats, scarfs and socks for old age homes and orphanages and handed them out on Mandela day. The Community Work Programme continues to play a significant role in the lives they impact across the district.



LEFT: CWP participants built Mr Tsie in Marquard an informal dwelling since he had been living in an out-house. A bed and blankets were also handed over. **RIGHT:** CWP participants distributing poncho's and hats in Phumelela.

COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAMME

EARLY LEARNING PLAYGROUPS IN THE NORTH WEST



Cynthia Molehe's grandfather always told her she would grow up to be a teacher. "He used to say that I got the brains in the family and that I was going to make something of my life," she says. "But when I finished my matric in 2004, there just wasn't any money to send me to college." Cynthia (left) grew up in Madibogo, a small village in North West's most rural and under-developed local municipality - Ratlou.

With more than 100000 residents, the only jobs open to them are seasonal farm work or contract work at the nearby open-pit gold mine, operated by Harmony Gold, which averages a variable work head count of just 450.

Cynthia's travelled to nearby Mahikeng and Vryberg to look for work, only finding interim work as a shop assistant and petrol attendant. In 2013, she joined the Community Work Programme (CWP). At that stage, the CWP had been running for a year in Ratlou, providing meaningful work opportunities to the unemployed.

"The work is all community orientated - maintaining vegetable gardens in schools, assisting the aged, cleaning public spaces, that sort of work" says Cynthia. "Soon after I entered the CWP, I was identified as a skilled worker and I received different kinds of training. But, I hadn't given up on my dream to become a teacher."

"In 2015, I was invited to train as an early learning playgroup facilitator (ELF) and I jumped at the chance to work with children. Later that year, I was promoted to a mentor trainer to manage a group of ELFs. This is what I do now, I manage 10 playgroups in Ratlou, I advise the ELFs and make sure they are doing the work. Next, I am going to further my studies - maybe through UNISA. I am going to be a teacher."

The early learning playgroup model was introduced in the North West early in 2015 through a partnership between the CWP, the North West Department of Social Development, Cotlands, LIMA and Ilifa Labantwana.

"This project has been a model public-private partnership with a clear and transparent framework that government and NGO partners enter into to share resources," says Zamani Cele, LIMA's learning support facilitator for the North West. "These partnerships shift the work undertaken by CWP participants from menial work to social action and have the potential to create viable career paths for the participants so that they can 'graduate out of poverty' - what CWP refers to as an 'exit strategy'."

[Ilifa Labantwana](#) supports LIMA and Cotlands, two national NGOs, who partner with provincial CWP implementing agents to select appropriately qualified CWP participants to run playgroups for children aged 3 to 5, who do not have access to any early learning stimulation. The implementing agents in the North West are Seriti Institute and Dhladhla Foundation. The CWP participants are selected based on their willingness to work with children and build off personal ambitions to pursue a teaching career.

"We are very thorough in our selection. Participants are literate, have passed Grade 10, we check for criminal records, and we do aptitude, numeracy and literacy assessments," says Zamani.

Once the CWP participants are selected they receive training on playgroup facilitation through Cotlands, a non-profit early childhood development organisation. Aside from providing the initial training to the ELF's, Cotlands and LIMA provide ongoing support from people like Cynthia - the mentor trainers.

The benefits of this programme have not been limited to the CWP participants alone. Terrance Mahlatsi who manages 1200 CWP participants in Ratlou, explains that many villages have no ECD centres and therefore no stimulation opportunities for the children. Where day-care centres exist, the fees range from R50 to R350 per month, which is too much for many rural households, who rely primarily on social grants or subsistence farming for survival.

The South African Early Childhood Review, published in 2016 by Ilifa Labantwana, The Children's Institute, and the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation found that 71% of North West's children under 6 live in poor households. As a result, the majority of children under five spend most of the day at home. According to the South African Early Childhood Review, one third of South Africa's 3 to 5 year olds (that is 1 million children) don't attend any early learning programmes.

"Young children need to be stimulated. The learning which takes place before school will ensure that the child is able to absorb knowledge once they start Grade R," says Getrude Mabeza, Cotlands Project Manager for the North West. "There is evidence that children who attended a good quality early learning programme are better equipped for the formal education system."

"I have seen the difference these playgroups make in so many children," says Cynthia. "They come shy and they sit in the corner, not talking and not interested in the games. One little boy, Thabo, didn't even know how to play with the toys! A few weeks in and they are excited, they are taking part in everything, they can't stop talking. I don't mind if they are naughty - that's how children should be."

The CWP4ECD programme is transforming and this will mean that those CWP4ECD participants who want to move forward in the field, will be given the opportunity. The introduction of SmartStart social franchising in 2016 means that the ELF's, now to be called SmartStarters, will register playgroups under their own names, go through a licencing and accreditation process to help them deliver a quality early learning programme and become part of a much wider network of support, through their local club.

They also have the possibility to earn income by charging parents a small monetary contribution towards the running of the playgroup depending on what the parents can afford. The mentor trainers, now Club Coaches, will continue to provide support, ensuring that the quality of the early learning taking place is maintained.

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THE CWP4ECD PROGRAMME IS A JOINT INITIATIVE BETWEEN:



LEARNING SUPPORT UNIT

ZOE PROJECT: EXPANDED IN CWP WESTERN CAPE SITES



ABOVE AND BELOW: The Master trainer workshop conducted by Nal'ibali, was attended by selected CWP participants as well as staff from DGMT, SBA, Dhladhla Foundation, Breytenbach Centre and Lima.

The [DG Murray Trust \(DGMT\)](#), [Nal'ibali](#), [Die Stigting vir Bemagtiging deur Afrikaans \(SBA\)](#) and Lima, entered a partnership with the Community Work Programme (sponsored by the Department of Cooperative Governance) to implement the SBA's Zoe Reading Project across four sites in the Western Cape, of which Dhladhla Foundation is the implementation agent in the province.

The Zoe Project was designed to empower foundation phase Afrikaans speaking learners in mainly, but not exclusively, rural schools in disadvantaged communities in Western Cape. The project has as its main objectives to improve literacy levels and foster a love for reading within these communities. The project is currently implemented in Witzenberg, Theewaterskloof, Cape Agulhas Municipalities and Cederberg within the context of the CWP partnership and aims to reach 68 schools across these four sites.

CWP participant selection and training was conducted over a period of two months, and as newly trained reading facilitators, the majority of these participants have commenced with the reading groups within the schools where they are placed in their respective communities. In addition to the reading skills, all facilitators are equipped with age appropriate storybooks and supplements as tools for the reading sessions. Children that are part of these reading groups now have access to a mini-library and can borrow books for reading at home. This model also strives to create stronger bonds at home through involving parents / siblings of the children in the reading process after school.



Across the CWP, an estimated 3-5% of all participants are assigned to work in the Education sector. They are typically deployed at schools and crèches to carry out tasks such as cleaning, maintenance, gardening, child minding and cooking. Some work as classroom assistants. However, few are trained to run early learning programmes with children. Linking these models to the CWP offers participants prospects to develop useful skills; with the hope that some participants may pursue career paths in education or early childhood development.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE DG MURRAY TRUST'S INVOLVEMENT:

In 2012, as a CWP Lead Agent, LIMA employed a full-time education specialist to examine how useful work in the CWP Education sector could be enhanced. This research brought LIMA into a relationship with the DG Murray Trust and grantees of the DG Murray Trust like FLP, LETCEE and Nal'ibali.

As a result of this relationship, DGMT's work with the CWP then began in 2013, when it supported the Family Literacy Project (FLP) to scale its home visiting programme in partnership with the CWP in KZN. The FLP worked with the local CWP Implementing Agents (Aids Foundation South Africa and Tembaletu Trust) to train and support 175 CWP participants and 23 CWP coordinators.

Over the last few years, DGMT and Ilifa Labantwana have made grants to LIMA, and supported the LIMA Learning Support Unit to implement various programmes across KwaZulu-Natal, Free State, Western Cape and North West province. The Department of Cooperative Governance plans to scale up the CWP to offer 1 million work opportunities across all local municipalities by 2018/19. As it grows, there is a possibility for significant scope for early learning programmes to be embedded in the Health/Social and Education anchor sectors of CWP.

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY: FUNDA LEADER LAUNCH



ABOVE: The LIMA Western Cape team showing support. From left: Jacqueline Saaiman (Western Cape Provincial Manager), Joann Prinsloo (Learning Support Unit Facilitator) and Sandra Badenhorst (Marketing Communications) with keen young reader, Jesse Sedibe and Nal'ibali mascot.

Anyone can be a FUNda Leader, simply join by signing up on the Nal'ibali website. Together with fellow FUNda Leaders, you will receive the support you need to help change children's lives.

Join the revolution at www.nalibali.org

On International Children's Day, Nal'ibali and invited partners, celebrated the **FUNda Leader** launch which aims to take the "reading for enjoyment" concept to new heights!

The launch which took place at the Homecoming Centre in District 6, encouraged everyday South Africans to become FUNda Leaders. FUNda Leaders are adults who care about and respect children and want to help children learn and become literate through fun and relaxed interaction with stories. They are willing to be reading role models in their communities and are eager to share storytelling to others.

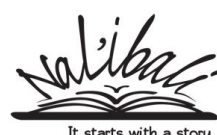
FUNDA LEADER

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NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

TRANSFORMING THE UPPER UMZIMVUBU CATCHMENT



ABOVE: Eco-rangers conducting a mini-SASS assessment in local stream.

Over the last three years, the [Department of Environmental Affairs'](#) (DEA) Natural Resources Management Land User Incentives (NRM LUI) programme was implemented in the upper Umzimvubu catchment of the Eastern Cape by LIMA, with support from the Institute of Natural Resources (INR).

The areas of implementation included Mafube (near Matatiele) and Ntenetyana (near Mt Frere). The communities in these areas are subjected to a number of difficulties which include extreme poverty, unemployment, land degradation and lack of access to information.

The implementation of the LIMA NRM project has been able to address some of these difficulties with good results and a positive outlook for the future.

There have been several ways in which local community members engaged in the LIMA NRM project: as direct beneficiaries (workers, supervisors), members of task teams or community volunteers. A number of individuals have taken advantage of the opportunities provided by the project to improve their livelihoods.

Principally, the training programme was designed to ensure that individuals had a good understanding to implement the DEA project effectively, in addition the training included topics that were aimed at capacitating participants to successfully run a sustainable agricultural enterprise, better manage their household finances and be more employable.

The Financial Literacy training, which covered the dangers of debt as well as the benefits of savings and credit groups, led to a number of workers changing their bank accounts to options that provided a savings facility, while some workers also formed savings groups.

The eco-ranger team at Mafube had the opportunity to be part of a WESSA training programme that equipped them with the skills to understand, analyse and monitor change in their environment. This included monitoring vegetation cover, water quality, wetland functioning and weather (temperature and rainfall).

After seeing the commitment the LIMA NRM project has to natural resources management and a community based approach, the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT) donated monitoring equipment (splash boards, turbidity tubes, miniSASS tools etc.), which greatly enhanced the eco-rangers' capabilities.

The eco-rangers are encouraged to apply and share their knowledge and skills to enhance the communities' understanding and appreciation of the natural environment. The knowledge and tools the ecorangers have learnt can demonstrate to the community the benefits of practises / interventions. For example, it can be shown with the use of a splash board that improved vegetation basal cover results in reduced rain splash and reduced soil wash.



ABOVE: WESSA training in action.

The LIMA NRM project contained an experimentation component that allowed participants, communities and the project team to learn and improve on the clearing and restoration work that was being conducted.

The LIMA NRM project had tangible impacts on the lives of the participants employed through the project as well as on members of the local communities. Amongst many social benefits, it has built skills that have made people more employable, skills that have made people better able to generate income from their livestock, and skills that have given people better control of their finances.

The project has injected cash into the Mafube and Ntenetyana communities, allowing people to invest in equipment and livestock that can provide returns beyond the timeframe of the project. It is clear that beyond the direct jobs, the DEA has changed people's lives.

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ABOVE: Restoring rangelands for livelihood incentives.

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UMZIMVUBU CATCHMENT PARTNERSHIP



NO WATER, NO FUTURE!

At the mention of the word “march”, an image that is likely to come to mind is that of an aggressive or rowdy crowd. But, a group marching to raise water conservation awareness proved the latter totally wrong when they chose to conduct a peaceful march along the streets of Matatiele, making noise with only their placards.

Organised by the [Umzimvubu Catchment Partnership Programme](#) (UCPP), which comprises the Matatiele Local Municipality, LIMA and other local partners, the 1 kilometre march took place ahead of World Water Day.

The purpose of the demonstration, according to LIMA Environmental Facilitator Lumko Mboyi, was twofold: raising awareness around the current water crisis facing the country and promoting public participation in activities geared towards conserving this essential resource. The organising team invited selected local primary and high schools to participate in the march, giving the learners the task of creating posters with informative messages around water conservation. With much vigour, the learners took to their paint and brushes, showing up with the most creative placards on the day. The colours blue and green were dominant in most of the designs as these were the theme colours for the march, representing water and healthy catchments, respectively. The event hosted more than 500 learners and was assisted by the Traffic and Ambulance Services to maintain safety during the march. The Endangered Wildlife Trust also assisted in providing a very colourful event vehicle, full of water droplets.

Various slogans were displayed, that demonstrated the feeling and understanding that learners have around water related issues. These included: “Amanzi Ngawethu”; “No Water, No Future” and “Filthy water can’t be washed”.

A point which most of them highlighted was that of lives being threatened by the scarcity of water. Being the future themselves, this point was both pertinent and poignant.

The day ended on a less serious note with a prize giving session for learners with outstanding poster designs, a water awareness challenge and other fun activities at King Edward High School Sports Grounds.

Prizes, including fishing rods, portable radios and many others, were donated by local businesses and the Department of Water and Sanitation that were in support of the cause of the day.

This demonstrated a town that is united for the security of their water resources, from NGO collaborations, Municipality services, Youth and Schools and Private Companies. The day was fun filled and a pleasant way to end off the school term for the schools involved.



RCL FOODS

TOUCHING LIVES IN HAMMARSDALE WITH RCL FOODS



ABOVE: LIMA Food Security Facilitator Lunga Madondo delivers a food parcel to the Nzuza family in Ward 5, Hammarsdale.

RCL FOODS recently launched a community development programme in Hammarsdale with the aim of improving food security in and forging economic linkages for the community around Rainbow Chicken's plants in KwaZulu-Natal.

LIMA is working closely with the RCL Foods Corporate Social Investment (SCI) team and dedicated Rainbow employees in rolling out the implementation of this initiative.

After liaising with local government ward councillors and the Greater Hammarsdale Development Forum, an agreement was reached that the establishment of a food garden project would help to improve food security in the community as there are high levels of poverty and unemployment.

While conducting a food security baseline survey, Lunga Madondo, the project facilitator, discovered that some families are extremely food insecure as they often go to bed without food for days. The latter was communicated to RCL Food's CSI team who committed to provide once-off food relief aid to the 25 most destitute families for a period of three months.

These families have formed part of 50 families that are being assisted with the establishment of homestead gardens until September 2016. The beneficiaries will receive food security training, be provided with seedlings and garden tools and will be offered technical advice and support, to sustain their gardens and become more 'food secure'.

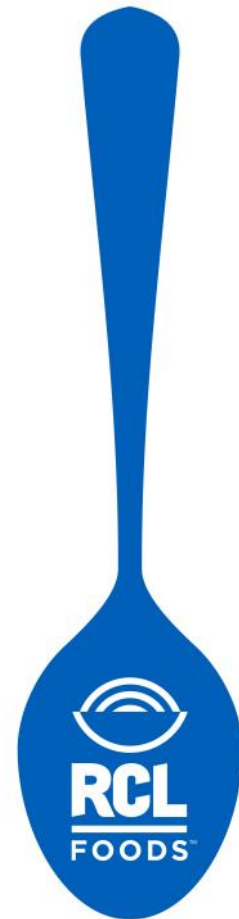
A letter of support for this campaign has been obtained from the Hammarsdale Department of Social Development (DSD) as such initiatives are in line with its mandate.

DSD and local non-profit organisations have been proactive in assisting LIMA to identify the poorest families. The team effort is having a positive contribution towards the success of this campaign.

Considering the high levels of poverty and unemployment in Hammarsdale, RCL Foods and LIMA initiated a “Touching Lives” campaign where they invited their staff members and the public in general to make donations to these destitute families. The donations ranged from second hand clothes, blankets, non-perishable food, etc.

The project team is grateful to LIMA staff members who have made such donations thus far. It would also like to specially acknowledge Dr Ndlovu, who works at Med24 and who, after being touched by this issue, made a personal donation of blankets to these needy families. Her commitment to give additional support at her free will is also heart-warming. The project team is, however, appealing for more assistance.

Should you wish to make a donation, please contact Lunga Madondo on lunga@lima.org.za, Thulisile Mbense on mathuli@lima.org.za or drop your donation at the LIMA Head Office (2 Forresters Lane, Pietermaritzburg).



ABOVE: The RCL Foods senior leadership team visited Hammarsdale to witness some of the 45 homestead gardens.

WE DIG DIGNITY: STAFF PROFILE

Meet Lunga Madondo. Briefly tell us about yourself?

My name is Lunga Njabulo Madondo. I'm 25 years old. I consider myself a witty person, in most instances and I generally get along with everyone. I am also outgoing and responsive to working in groups.

I am the eldest of two children, I also have a paternal older half-brother. My upbringing was a bit tough, considering that my sister and I were raised only by our mother after she and our father got divorced. Her role as a parent is commendable! Fortunately, I have always had my grandfather and uncle as good father figures in my life. My uncle has been like a father to me since I was a little boy; he is my role model as a self-made successful businessman (he and my grandfather speculate and farm livestock). He has taught me invaluable life skills and a strong work ethic which has been the cornerstone of his successes as a business man.



What qualification do you have and where did you obtain it?

I have Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Extension and Rural Resource Management which I completed at Cedara College of Agriculture through the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) from 2011 to 2013.

Tell us about the work that you do?

I was employed as an intern at LIMA in June 2014-fresh from the oven of tertiary education. The internship offer was for four months. I was tasked with providing advisory and support services to farmers in Nongoma, particularly poultry and livestock farmers, as this was my area of specialisation and interest. I also worked closely with co-operatives and other small holder farmers engaged in cropping initiatives, providing support in marketing crops as well as sourcing and applying herbicides and pesticides.

I was later offered a six month contract where I worked on a Department of Rural Development and Land Reform funded project in Vryheid. It was a different ball game all together on this project; I managed five land restitution farms and started enterprises there. It was challenging but I gained a lot of experience.

The best moment for me was successfully planting 24 hectares of soya bean and seeing the crop grew well until harvest. This was the first crop planted in the land in more than 25 years and in more than three years since the start of that project.

I am currently working on a food security project funded by RCL Foods in Hammarsdale. The focus here is on homestead and community gardens, looking to ultimately raise the participants' awareness to nutrition and consuming diets that supply the correct nutrients for their families.

The work that I do is food to my soul. Helping project participants to broaden their options, create and maintain sustainable livelihoods is what my work is about. It's both a humbling and fulfilling feeling when I, as a development catalyst, have made a difference in the lives of the families I work with. Their gratitude fuels my spirit.

What is your understanding of human dignity and its essence?

For me, human dignity entails people having a sense of self-worth. This, in most cases, is achieved by increasing people's livelihood options by raising their consciousness. This broadens their understanding and ability to make informed decisions about the strategies they employ to sustain their families.

ELLIOTDALE HOUSING PROJECT

WE DIG DIGNITY: PARTICIPANT PROFILE



Meet Ms Nowandile Tyali. Please read her profile:

My name is Nowandile Tyali and I come from Manzi village in Elliotdale, Eastern Cape. I am one of the beneficiaries of the [Elliotdale Housing Project](#) which LIMA was contracted to implement, by the Department of Human Settlements, in 2010.

Before the start of the project, most families lived in mud houses. Though we were displeased with the condition of the structures of our houses, there was no way of changing this situation due to our dire financial state. I am unemployed and so is my husband. We rely on the older persons grant to support our seven children and five grandchildren. It is a similar case for most families in the village. Unemployment, illiteracy and poverty are social ills we have all become so accustomed to.

The Elliotdale Housing Project came at an opportune time. By simply building these beautiful houses for us, the Department and LIMA really restored our dignity. We loved that there were a variety of designs which families could choose from. Being given the freedom to choose the type of structure we wanted as a family gave us such a great feeling; it was lovely to know that our views mattered. My family chose the EC4 design as we felt the four room structure would provide suitable additional space for our big family. I am absolutely confident in the stability of the house which LIMA built for us. Immediately after completion, my husband and I moved in and we are absolutely happy with it!

In addition to the new houses, we had 5000 litre tanks installed for us. Previously, we would have to travel a long distance to get water from the river but now we rarely go on such journeys. Apart from the construction of new houses, the project played a huge role in terms of skills development too. When it started, community members were recruited to manually level the plots. Over time, various training sessions were conducted on how to erect, plaster and roof a building. With these skills, these people can now manage to build houses. I too gained some skills through working as the community liaison officer (CLO). By playing an intermediary role, I gained communication and people management skills. While, before, a lot of our community members felt despondent, the same people now have regained hope for a better tomorrow!



LIMA HOSTS AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS FIELD TRIP



At the end of the first semester, as they do every year, Lima hosted a third-year class of Agricultural Economics (AGEC380 - Agricultural Development) students. Facilitators lent their time to take the group around to three of the many small-holder farmers they work with in the Umzimkulu region, who are working with broiler and layer poultry, vegetables, and more, and the group was able to see how these producers are being assisted to make a success of their enterprises. This trip gave a practical perspective to what students learn in the classroom, and was a great opportunity to see how the organisation works towards rural development.



ABOVE: Ms Ntombifuthi Sibeko of Lima presents the award for the top student in the Post Graduate Diploma in Food Security to Ms Busisiwe Zikhali.

SAEES COLLEGE AWARDS

A few months ago, the Agriculture, Engineering and Science College held its annual Awards ceremony to recognise the achievements of students in the 5 Schools within the College, of which SAEES is one.

The School had tremendous support from its alumni, who represented a number of organisations who gave back to their alma mater through the presentation of awards to honour top students. It was great to have representatives from the Citrus Growers' Association, Lima, Jeffares and Green, Standard Bank, Kwanalu, The Valley Trust, Fedics, and more present to give over their generously-sponsored awards.

Other organisations who sponsored prizes included Pannar, the KwaZulu-Natal Poultry Institute, the South African Sugar Association, the South African Society for Animal Science, the Agricultural Economics Association of South Africa, and more. A number of individuals also sponsored prizes, including one in memory of Professor HI Behrman.

ALL EYES ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND AGRICULTURE



As an ancillary event to the Ukulinga Howard Davis Memorial Symposium, the [Friends of UKZN Agriculture](#) association held its fifth annual Networking Function at the Imperial Hotel in Pietermaritzburg, and it was a resounding success, and a wonderful evening of reconnecting with classmates, staff from UKZN, government representatives, and the industry at large.

Professor Roland Schulze and Professor Richard Eckard both attended the Ukulinga Howard Davis Memorial Symposium as keynote presenters, and spoke about climate and agriculture, and their experiences in their luminous careers.

Eckard described the firm grounding that his studies at the former University of Natal gave him for his career, saying that his education here was of a very competitive standard, in terms of depth of coverage and breadth of education.

Eckard called it an honour to join fellow alumni, past colleagues and staff who had been key in shaping his career. He went on to use highlights from his research career as a narrative to show the journey from his education at UKZN to his position now as Director of the Primary Industries Climate Challenges Centre in Melbourne, and to describe the pathway to his research on climate change, and to highlight the accountability agricultural scientists have to always consider their research in the farm systems context.

Schulze's presentation was entitled 'Whither the Weather or Whether We Wither', and gave thought-provoking insight on what we are observing in the climate scientifically and anecdotally, addressing projected impacts of climate change over South Africa in terms of the science behind it all.

The event was well-attended by UKZN staff members, alumni, government and agribusiness representatives.

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ANNUAL LIMA WOMEN'S WALK



In honour of Women's Month, our LIMA team completed the Pick n Pay Women's Walk in aid of breast-cancer awareness. All funds raised from the walk go to [Pink Drive](#), a breast-cancer awareness organisation, who provide free breast-cancer screening and education around the country. Congratulations to our team for completing their 6th annual Lima Women's Walk, and for supporting this incredibly worthy cause.



For more information visit www.pinkdrive.co.za

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