

## CURRICULUM 2020

### Revamping and replacing current courses

BY CANDES KEATING

**CPUT is currently undertaking a project that will revolutionise the face of teaching and learning at the university.**

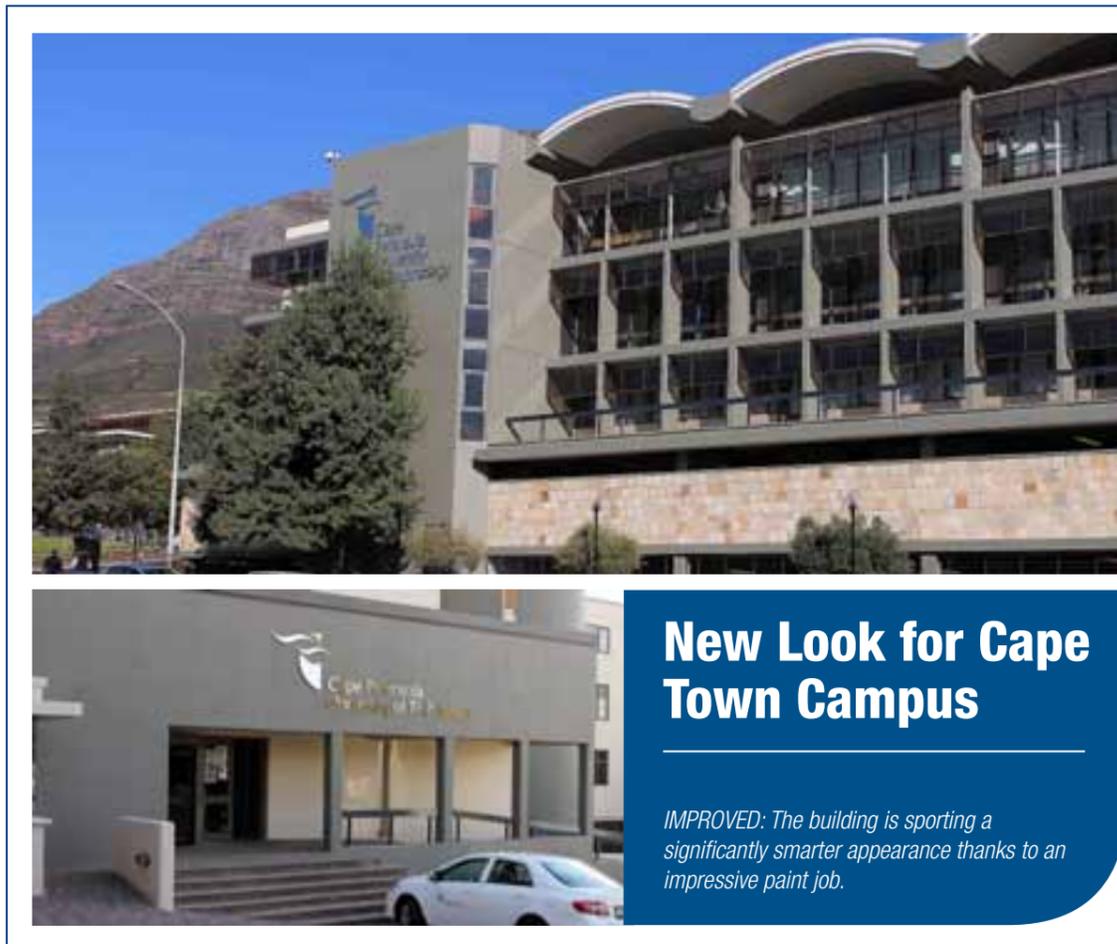
The Curriculum 2020 Project will see the university revamp its curriculum and replace current BTech, MTech and DTech qualifications with advanced diplomas, postgraduate diplomas, Masters and Doctoral degrees over the next few years.

This move towards curricula renewal is being pushed by the Department of Higher Education and Training who in 2007 tabled the Higher Education Qualifications Framework (HEQF) which outlines the qualifications universities can offer. In 2011 this framework was adjusted, giving Universities of Technology the opportunity to renew their curricula.

This huge task is facilitated by the Curriculum Officers Forum, which consist of Curriculum Officers appointed in each department. This group is being guided by the Curriculum Development Unit of the university's Fundani Centre for Higher Education Development.

Marianne Bester, who is at the helm of this project says the revamp of current curricula is an intense and time-consuming task, but one that is vital for the future of the university and its students.

"If students at CPUT are to gain the disciplinary knowledge, practice-based skills and



### New Look for Cape Town Campus

*IMPROVED: The building is sporting a significantly smarter appearance thanks to an impressive paint job.*

generic capabilities needed for life in the 21st century CPUT needs forward-looking, coherent curricula underpinned by disciplinary knowledge and related to appropriate professional and occupational practice that will inspire students to achieve at the highest level," says Bester.

Curriculum Officers are currently working closely with heads of academic departments and curriculum design teams to

engage with various stakeholders to determine their needs and to look at new developments in industry.

***"This is just the beginning of a wave of changes that will take place at CPUT"***

According to the HEQF students will take slightly longer to progress to postgraduate qualifications. Those who

complete a three-year diploma will have to complete another two years of study before being enrolling in a master's programme.

The HEQF also make provision for three and four year professional degrees in certain fields of study.

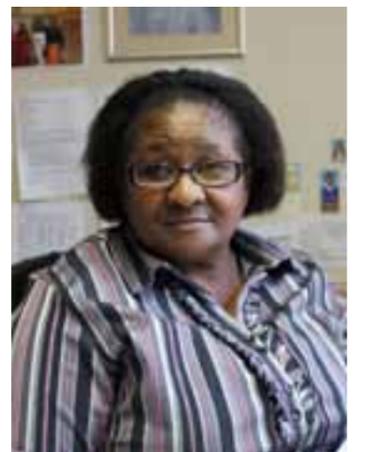
Bester says the CPUT community is enthusiastic about the possibilities re-curriculum can bring to the institution.

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# Skilled students

## Industry and CPUT debate training of students

BY CANDES KEATING

**From placement of students to payment of stipends, no stone was left unturned as members of industry and CPUT staffers participated in the Co-Operative Education Indaba.**

Industry gave CPUT a breakdown of their concerns around WIL and also highlighted the positive side of participating in the skilling process of South Africa's future workforce. CPUT also used the indaba to point their list of requirements out to industry.

"The commendations and the much needed constructive criticisms were an indication to us that CPUT is valued by its partners," says Manager of the Co-operative Education Department Fundiswa Nofemela.

She says WIL is a unique concept and that there are a number of factors that have to come together to ensure that it is a successful learning tool.

"We can't do WIL on our own. We need industry's full participation," she says.

Issues debated included placement of students, interview

and communication skills and professionalism in the workplace. Stakeholders also participated in lively debates around the expectations of the university and that of the employer.

Thabo Mashongoane from the Department of Higher Education and Training, who delivered the keynote address, says WIL is currently a major focus of national education.

He says industry must provide capacity for learning, placement positions and ensure quality learning in the workplace.



*CAPACITY: Thabo Mashongoane from the Department of Higher Education and Training advocates Work Integrated learning programmes.*



*PARTNERS: The indaba attracted a large number of individuals from industry.*

## POLICY REVAMP

BY CANDES KEATING

**The Centre for Community Engagement and Work Integrated Learning is strengthening its policies to ensure students have access to quality learning experiences in industry.**

During the next few months, the Work Integrated Learning (WIL) policy will be reworked by internal and external stakeholders.

Director of the centre, Dr Joyce Nduna says the policy will look closely at issues such as supervision of students in the workplace and lecturers' involvement in the programme.

### LEARNING

The policy will also place emphasis on the alignment of learning outcomes in the workplace with that of the programme students' are following at university.

"We need to make sure that there is proper learning taking place in the workplace," says Dr Nduna.

If all goes as planned, the new policy will be wrapped up by the end of the academic year.

# Staff development

BY CANDES KEATING

**CPUT is a trailblazer when it comes to Work Integrated Learning, a key teaching and learning component at the university.**

The university is currently running a one-year pilot WIL training programme that will equip staff with the skills to design, implement and evaluate teaching and learning programmes that have a WIL focus.

Dr Joyce Nduna, Director of the Centre for Community Engagement and Work Integrated Learning, who is overseeing the pilot, says it was developed to ensure CPUT develops highly and appropriately skilled graduates.

Offered in four training blocks by the Fundani Centre, at the end of the course participants will



*NEW SKILLS: CPUT staff and their counterparts at FET Colleges are participating in a pilot WIL training programme.*

walk away with a NQF Level 7 qualification.

Dr Nduna says the pilot has also been opened up to staff members from local Further

Education and Training Colleges after CPUT secured R300 000 funding from the Education Training and Development Practices Seta for the pilot.

News of the pilot has already spread and CPUT is being inundated with request from universities on how to go about setting up similar programmes.



*BEST INTERESTS: Students will benefit*



# BRAINWAVES

## Students innovative ideas praised

BY CANDES KEATING

**From the get go, CPUT students are encouraged to think out of the box.**

So when Mechatronics lecturer, François Hoffman challenged his third year class to develop an autonomous device over 15 weeks, students had no problem stepping up to the challenge.

The project required students to develop the first phase of a device, which on completion would be able to operate independently and complete a task with no physical intervention from humans.

The class came up with a range of innovative devices, but projects that stood out were an autonomous golf cart and a wine labelling device.

### INNOVATIVE

The golf cart is the brainchild of Ronaldo Langeveld, Garth van Noie and Gideon Poole. The trio revamped a traditional golf cart by removing the petrol pedal and steering



**INNOVATIVE:** The students are able to control the golf cart with a portable remote.



**SPOT ON:** The wine labelling device.

wheel. They then designed a portable control box, fitted with a remote that allows them to steer the golf kart without having any physical contact with traditional steering devices.

"This is the first step towards an autonomous vehicle," says Ronaldo.

On completion of the project the portable remote will no longer be

used to steer the vehicle. Ronaldo says they will punch coordinates into a gps, connected to a special device, which will steer the cart without any human intervention.

### CHALLENGE

Their classmates Bernie van Niekerk and Kosie Taaljaard designed a wine labelling machine that has the ability to place labels on different parts of a wine bottle.

Bernie says the current labelling machines used in the wine industry have limited functions, allowing manufacturers to place labels on one specific spot on a bottle.

Kosie says the project was challenging and they had to go back to the drawing board several times.

However, he says seeing the finished product in operation, was worth all the effort.

## NEW MEDIA HOD

BY LAUREN KANSLEY



**MEDIA HOD:** Prof Nirvana Bechan

### Meet CPUT's new Department of Media HOD.

Prof Nirvana Bechan is less than two months into her new position but is a familiar face to many since she has been at the institution for 12 years.

She started in the Public Relations Department as a lecturer, moved on to become a senior lecturer and ended up as an Associate Professor before moving to her latest position.

The School of Media encompasses the Journalism, Photography and Film and Video departments and Prof Bechan says she intends getting the trio to work closer together.

"I am extremely excited to be here and look forward to seeing these departments feed off each other's talent and collaborate more on projects," she says.

"We will be the foremost School of Media in the country."

Some of her future plans include Friday Forums where staff members are invited to stimulating discussions by industry experts.

# R1 million machine for CPUT

BY CANDES KEATING

**As a research leader it's important that CPUT keeps up with industry standards and has the best equipment available.**

That makes the recent acquisition of a Bruker D2 Powder X-ray diffractometer (PXRD) for the highly specialised Crystal Engineering Unit all the more special.

The machine costs over R1 million and was purchased thanks to the funding from the office of the DVC:Research, Dr Chris Nhlapo and the Research Directorate.

This specialised piece of research equipment will go a long way in assisting the unit's three National Research Foundation rated researchers, Prof Luigi Nassimbeni who holds a B1 rating, Prof Ayesha Jacobs who has a C3 rating and Dr Nikoletta



**INFRASTRUCTURE:** Dr Nikoletta Báthori and Prof Ayesha Jacobs with the new instrument.

Báthori, a Y2 rated researcher.

Boasting an impressive list of publications, these researchers focus on the field of solid crystalline inclusion compounds and their main goal

is to understand molecular recognition, which occurs between molecules in the crystalline state.

Prof Jacobs says the instrument is a huge boost for the unit, who

previously had to make use of facilities at other institutions for their analysis.

"We can now get in-house information with the new PXRD," she says.

## Congratulations

**Congratulations to Renee Weideman and Johan Van Rooyen who are the winners of the one month supply of Omega Caro-E capsules.**

Check your newflash folder for details on where you can purchase them.



# Switched on

BY LAUREN KANSLEY

**CPUT's great heritage is built on the hard work and dedication of individuals like Prof Bennett Alexander.**

With over 28 years experience starting in the Electrical Engineering Department of the former Peninsula Technikon, he is now Head of the Information Technology Department.

CPUT Bulletin sat down with him to discuss his vision for the department.

**The IT Department is a large one. What should people know about it?**

It is indeed large. We have around 1500 students, 50 full time lecturers and 20 staff members on contract so it is a dynamic place to be. I think what people need to know about us is that despite our size we work. That means everybody (staff and students) are heard when they raise concerns. This is partly because we were one of the first departments to agree to merge so we have worked out

our differences a while back and moved forward.

**What's keeping you busiest at the moment?**

An initiative that promotes collaboration with FET colleges. Each year we receive four times the amount of applications we can actually accept and even so only half of our first years will actually make it to graduation.

The plan is for FET's to take these students for one year prior to CPUT making the student we eventually accept better prepared. The collaboration is pending funding from the CPUT Innovation Fund.

We are also leading the way curriculum wise and have developed seven specialization programmes- three of which will launch next year.

**Will you be staying 28 years more?**

Definitely. We have accomplished a lot but there is so much more to do. I am lucky that I have a core group of people who stay



DEDICATED: Prof Bennett Alexander

and keep the ship going with me and we are joined by some of the most talented young professionals. When they get poached by industry we are happy for them because that is what we do here- develop people- so you can't hold anyone back.

**What's your vision?**

We want to offer the flagship Information and Communication Technology programme nationally and beyond. We already lead the way but we want to continue to contribute and be relevant. We want to be really good.

## MULTIMEDIA

BY LAUREN KANSLEY



Excited: Third year Multimedia students in their current home at the Bellville Campus

**The Multimedia Department is already preparing for its move to the Cape Town Campus at the end of the year.**

The move is part of the consolidation process and will see all the IT department's programmes finally under one roof in Cape Town.

While they will be sorry to say goodbye to their comfortable surroundings in the world class IT centre in Bellville, Multimedia domain leader Wendell Koopman says he has big plans for their new space. "We are already consulting with an interior designer and our design school to make the new place as inspiring and comfortable as possible," he says.

"It needs to be the kind of place students want to stay and put in extra hours not be on the first train out."

## GOLF WIN

BY LAUREN KANSLEY



LEVEL HEAD: Radford Burger with two of the caddies he used during his recent golf trip to Thailand

**IT lecturer Radford Burger has won himself an all expenses paid golf trip to Thailand thanks to his skills at the game.**

Burger, an avid golfer, recently returned from a golfing holiday in the tropical country where he competed in a tournament against fellow South Africans.

At the end of the 10 day trip, which was also plagued with a tsunami warning, Burger was pleased to be crowned the winner and his prize is a chance to defend his title in 2013.

Burger says golf wasn't the only reason he joined the trip which was partly organised by Heart FM's Clarence Ford.

"I had never been out of the country before and I thought this was a good opportunity to travel in a group and have some fun," he says.

**FOCUSED**

"When we started the tournament I never expected to win. But as more of the guys started relaxing too much, I kept a level head and in the end I won. "I wasn't the best player but I was definitely the most focused."

## IT star

BY LAUREN KANSLEY

**Her own experience as a student is helping shape this IT lecturer's approach in the classroom.**

Siphokazi Tswane was one of the brightest students that the faculty has ever graduated and its little wonder she was snapped up to become an Information System's lecturer.

The 29-year-old is currently completing her Masters while also working at the Kujali Living Lab- a unit dedicated to using university initiatives to improve the lives of poor communities.

Her work with the unit has seen her travel to Finland, Mozambique, Cameroon and all over SA spreading the great work of some of their programmes.



SPECIAL: Siphokazi Tswane's career trajectory has been nurtured.

Prof Retha De La Harpe says Siphokazi has blossomed in the few years she has worked with her.

**CONFIDENCE**

"She is doing a great job. Compared to when I first met her she has changed into a strong, confident woman who can look government ministers in the eye

and explain our projects," she says. Siphokazi says the confidence shown in her, by lecturers and co-workers, allows her to spread her wings and think big.

"CPUT is great. I have really experienced a lot here. I may become an academic but am also interested in seeing what industry holds for me," she says.



# STUDY ABROAD

Ample scholarships available to staff and students

BY LAUREN KANSLEY

**CPUT staff are opportunely placed to take advantage of a multitude of scholarships and bursaries available.**

This was highlighted during a recent breakfast hosted by the International Office where prior recipients of the Erasmus Mundus bursaries shared their experiences with the latest batch of staff members preparing to leave.

DVC for Research, Technology Innovation and Partnerships at CPUT Dr Chris Nhlapo congratulated the returning alumnus.

“Only 12% of our staff have a PHD so this should be one of the vehicles we use to make this university great,” he says. “More PHD’s equal more research and a better ambiance at the university.”

Staff from a variety of departments including Finance, Library and Marketing are

included in the latest batch to leave in the following few months.

The Erasmus Mundus programme enables you to upskill yourself at a selection of European universities for any time between six and 34 months at a time.

Erasmus Mundus has made a whopping R32 million available to CPUT staff and students and if a pending bid for more funding is successful the kitty will receive a further R45 million.

## OPPORTUNITY

The Savusa/Skill programme is the most under-utilized programme on offer with only three CPUT staff members leaving for the Netherlands in September while a whopping 75 places were available.

This programme is unique in that it offers university staff without a Masters the chance to complete it in the Netherlands and the programme also covers the cost



*PAST AND PRESENT: The Erasmus Mundus alumnus shared their experience with the latest batch of staff who have been selected for the programme.*

of your replacement for the time you are away.

The Communities College Fund which allows CPUT staff and students between the ages of 18 and 24 to travel to the United

States and receive a certificate in an area they need upskilling in.

The final opportunity is the respected Fullbright Scholarship which, through the Humphrey Programme, allows a qualified

professional the chance of developing their skills in the United States.

Further information is available from Mantome at 021 460 3993 or Zindzi at 021 959 6085.

# Super sleuth

Stopping fraudsters in their tracks

BY LAUREN KANSLEY

**She has links to the FBI, CIA, Scotland Yard and the Russian Intelligence Office and can spot a fraudulent document a mile away.**

Each day International Relations Officer Thandi Jiba blocks scores of applications to the institution from chancers across the world.

Despite no formal training Jiba’s sharp eye can spot the slightest deviation in a signature, font irregularities and digit variations in the thousands of certificates and qualifications hitting her desk.

In fact she is so good that she has already trained two junior staff members to do the same job and has weeded out a fake certificate that had already been cleared by the South African Qualifications Authority.

Jiba is currently in Milwaukee in the US to complete a month



*TOUGH: Thandi Jiba weeds out fraudsters*

long intensive training course in qualification authentication.

She says spotting a fraud can sometimes be as easy as googling the school’s name or just how a candidate files his paperwork.

“If they put a certified copy on top they sometimes think that

is enough but it only makes me more suspicious,” she says.

Head of the International Affairs office Merle Hodges says Jiba helps maintain CPUT’s image as a reputable university.

“These fraudsters are stealing a place from a genuine candidate,” she says.

# Job hunt

BY CANDES KEATING

**The Graduate Recruitment Office is pulling out all the stops to help our students secure an entry level position in industry.**

From advertising employment opportunities on Facebook to compiling a database of curriculum vitas, students are given that extra support as they search for a place in industry.

Bronwyn Abrahams, who runs the Bellville based office, says they do not act as a recruitment agency but rather facilitate the recruitment process.

“We advertise employment opportunities on behalf of employers and where needed, receive, collate and forward applications to the potential employer,” says Abrahams.

These opportunities are advertised on student newflash, e-mail, campus



*RECORDS: The Graduate Office keeps a database of unemployed graduates’ cv’s.*

notice boards and on Facebook.

Abrahams says they also facilitate presentations by companies wishing to recruit graduates for entry level positions, graduate development and internship programmes.

These presentations run between June and September.

For more information contact Abrahams at 021 959 6499 or abrahamsb@cput.ac.za



# Video lectures

BY CANDES KEATING

Lecturers at CPUT are finding unique ways to make sure students learn from the top experts in industry.

Postgraduate Chemical Engineering students, completing modules in rheology and non-Newtonian fluid flow, will have access to 20 hours of lectures from the renowned Prof Raj Chhabra of the Indian Institute of Technology in Kanpur India.

An adjunct Prof at CPUT, Prof Chhabra is currently visiting the Material Science and Technology research group.

## RECORDED

With the help of Bernie Karlie from the Fundani Centre, Prof Chhabra's lectures are being recorded and will be edited and packaged in a course form.

Head of the Material Science and Technology group, Prof Rainer Haldenwang says the course will be a core subject which all post graduate students in the group will be expected to complete as part of their degree requirement.



EXPERT: Prof Raj Chhabra

# FOOD GURUS

## CPUT shows industry the ropes

BY CANDES KEATING | PHOTOGRAPH BY CLIVE GALANT

When it comes to creating new products then staffers at the Food Technology Department and Agrifood Technology Station are the gurus.

And the proof is in the high demand for their New Food Product Development course, which is attracting participants from South Africa's leading food manufacturers.

Head of the Food Technology Department, Prof Jessy van Wyk says the course is the only one of its kind in the country and is making a huge impact on industry.

"New product development is the lifeblood of a company. If you don't do innovation in your company



INSPIRED: Participants of the New Food Product Development workshop put their new skills into practice in the testing kitchen.

on a regular basis, then it will die," she says.

## CREATIVE

Run over five days, the course shows participants all aspects of developing a new food product, from coming up with ingredients



to putting together a full-proof marketing plan.

Linda Sintclair, a Food Technologist from I & J, who along with her colleagues attended the course, says it will make an impact on their operations.

"The course got us all excited again about developing new food products. It got our creative juices flowing," she says.

## IMPRESSED

For Yvette Konstadopoulous, marketing manager of N HOW Greenhouse, the course showed her the importance of getting all the steps right, from devising a good product to developing the correct labelling.

Other participants are so impressed with the course and plan to establish permanent ties with CPUT, like Sharon Bolel from CJP Chemicals in Johannesburg .

Bolel says the course is "forward-thinking" and an "asset to the national food industry."

# Meat and greet

## Students come face to face with celebrity chefs

BY LAUREN KANSLEY

Celebrity chefs at the recent Good Food and Wine show had one special ingredient to guarantee them success- CPUT Hotel School students.

The sold out event at the CTICC relies on both front of house and student chefs to do all the preparation work for big names like Cake Boss Buddy Valastro, Reza Maahammad The Spice Prince of India and Masterchef USA winner Whitney Miller.

Students Siyamthanda Sigenu, Busiswe Plaatjie and Pressya Ndongala worked the excited crowds at the Spekko Rice stand where they served an Americano rice dish.

## PROFESSIONAL

Like true professionals the first years explained the dish and encouraged passersby to sample the savoury rice.

At the same time B Tech student Kate Raw worked side



SIDE KICK: B Tech student Kate Raw working alongside celebrity chef Reza Maahammad

by side with the flamboyant Reza as he did a live demonstration of a sweet and sour pilau rice dish and smoked aubergine raita.

Kate kept a cool head in front of the gathered crowd and made sure Reza had everything he needed to make the presentation a seamless, fun experience.

Functions and Marketing Co-Ordinator Luke Van Rensburg congratulated Kate and the other students on a professional job well done.



STAR POTENTIAL: First year students with Reza Maahammad and CPUT's Luke Van Rensburg



# CHANGE IS GOOD

## Don't be scared of adjusting your career

BY LAUREN KANSLEY

**Successful eyewear designer David Green is not just an example of a successful CPUT alumnus but also a role model to anyone considering a career change.**

Green originally graduated with an Electrical Engineering degree in 1981 and went on to work for multi-national companies such as Tiger Brands and Panasonic, however, he followed his heart years later and returned to studying to complete a three-year masters diploma in Technology at CPUT.

The two career choices may seem like polar opposites but Green believes that they actually complement one another.

### QUALITY-DRIVEN

"Eyewear is a very technical craft and it is a nice combination of both areas," he says.



*SUCCESS STORY: David Green's eyewear is currently sold in 20 countries*

In the tough arena of luxury goods, Green has managed to carve a niche for himself in the market thanks to his quality-driven,

eco-friendly approach to his work.

Green's stylish frames are currently sold in over 20 countries, however, he says his roots are very much South African and each frame is handmade using real tree leaves and natural materials.

***"Don't feel that the journey you started needs to be the one where you end up"***

The businessman encourages anyone to throw caution to the wind and follow their heart when considering a career change.

"Don't feel that the journey you started needs to be the one where you end up," he says.

"Life changes and so do you. All these new experiences and skills only make you a better person."

## CPUT AMBASSADORS

BY CANDES KEATING



**From Cape Town to Johannesburg, CPUT is set to host alumni networking events across the country during the next few months.**

The events are aimed at reconnecting with CPUT alumni, sharing in their successes and making sure they are up to date with developments at their alma mater.

Alumni Officer Val Deelman says it is important for the university to develop life-long ties with alumni.

"We view alumni as our ambassadors. Their success in the world rubs off onto CPUT and this ensures that the university gets good recognition from companies and the public at large," she says.

### SUCCESS

The alumni networking events will kick off this month in Gauteng, followed by events in Cape Town, East London, Port Elizabeth and KwaZulu Natal.

CPUT alumni living in Namibia will also get a chance to network, with an event planned for early next year.

Deelman says staff members who are in contact with alumni that are not registered on the CPUT database can drop the office a mail with the details and they will follow up.

The address is alumni@cput.ac.za

# Gifts galore

BY CANDES KEATING

**CPUT staff members are spoilt for choice when it comes to choosing that perfect corporate gift.**

The Corporate Gifts Office of the Marketing and Communication Department offers a wide variety of quality items at a reasonable price.

Thestine Hanekom, who runs the office, says there is something for everyone, whether it's a gift for a high profile visitor or items needed to fill a conference bag.

### EXCLUSIVE

"We offer a variety of corporate gifts from pens to more exclusive items such as glass coaster sets," she says.

***"If there is something specific that departments are looking for then we can source it"***

Hanekom says popular choices for high end gifts include wooden wine bottle holders and laptop



*STYLISH: Some of the CPUT Corporate Gift choices.*

and overnight bags.

For those hosting conferences or workshops, good choices are pens, lanyards and folders.

And if you are looking for something to place your gifts in, the office offers a selection of CPUT branded paper gift bags.

Hanekom says all orders must be placed at least three days in advance.

***"We offer a variety of corporate gifts from pens to more exclusive items such as glass coaster sets"***

And before placing orders staff members must contact the office

to enquire about stock availability. To view the corporate gift catalogue visit the Marketing and Communication web page on the CPUT home page.

Alternatively contact Thestine Hanekom at hanekomt@cput.ac.za or Patricia Samuels at samuelsp@cput.ac.za



## OUT AND ABOUT

BY LAUREN KANSLEY



EXPLORER: CPUT Alumnus John Lucas loves the outdoors

**A love of the outdoors has led to a satisfying career for CPUT Alumnus John Lucas.**

The 23-year-old is currently on Marion Island, off SA's coastline, conducting vital research on the resident seal colony.

John graduated with a BTech degree in Nature Conservation in 2010 and has kept close links to the institution by regularly returning to share his wealth of knowledge with students.

"At CPUT I was surrounded by lots of good mentors and I took the advice they gave me to heart," he says. "Some of the things they advised me to do was not to follow money so early in my career and rather align myself with people with similar interests."

John's achievements have caught the eye of modern day explorer Kingsley Holgate and respected businessman Raymond Ackerman but he isn't letting fame and fortune distract from his love of nature.

"I get invited to a lot of events but most of the time I can't go because I am away working," he says. "I couldn't even go to my own graduation."

# Proud Olympian

## BTech student jets off to Olympics

BY CANDES KEATING

**A love for the game of table tennis has clinched Genevieve Lentz a ticket to the London Olympic Games.**

The part-time BTech Public Relations student will be part of the Olympic table tennis umpire team.

Lentz is currently the highest ranking female table tennis umpire in Africa and the only one representing the African continent in London.

But the 31-year-old is no stranger to top international games and her umpiring abilities has taken her across the globe.

She has umpired games at the Beijing Paralympics in 2008 and the 1st Youth Olympics in Singapore 2010. She has also been to the All African Games and participated in tournaments in Switzerland and Moscow.

Looking back at her sporting career, Lentz, who is a high school English teacher by day, says she never imagined her love for the sport would lead to such big things.



EYE ON THE BALL: Genevieve Lentz will umpire table tennis games at the London Olympic.

"I never had the potential of becoming a prominent player but enjoyed playing socially and being involved in administration.

### ELITE

I acquired the passion for umpiring and completed a series of exams including league, provincial, national and eventually international.

In 2011 Lentz qualified as a Blue Badge Umpire, a group regarded as elite umpires.

**"I never had the potential of becoming a prominent player but enjoyed playing socially and being involved in administration."**

But being the best comes with hard work and currently Lentz is preparing for the big event.

"You have to practice if you are an umpire. I am watching past Olympic Games and preparing myself mentally. I am also making sure that I am up to date with the rules."

Although looking forward to the Olympics, Lentz says it's a huge responsibility. "I am nervous because the world's eyes will be on me."



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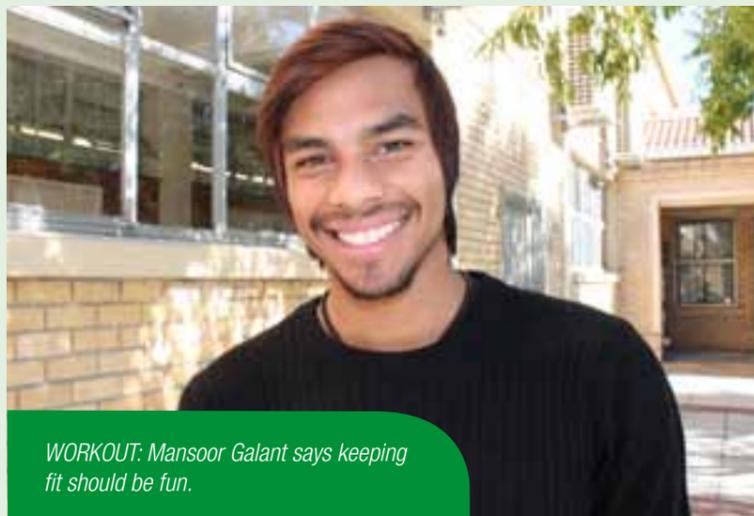
## Youngest Zumba Instructor in South Africa

BY CANDES KEATING

**For Clothing and Textile Management student, Mansoor Galant, keeping fit and having fun goes hand in hand.**

So when Mansoor came across Zumba, a Latin inspired dance fitness workout, he was hooked.

Boasting a natural talent for dance, Mansoor has taken his passion for this workout to the next level and qualified as the youngest internationally certified Zumba instructor in South Africa.



WORKOUT: Mansoor Galant says keeping fit should be fun.

"I am a Zumba holic," he says. A hip-hop dancer since the age of 11, Mansoor was spotted

by Zumba dance instructors when they performed at his high school.

"They called me on stage, but I was quite reluctant," he says.

However, Mansoor impressed the instructors with his moves, who soon approached him about participating in Zumba classes at the local gym.

Mansoor says he has never looked back.

Currently he gives Zumba classes thrice a week at the bioRhythm gym in Athlone and has recently been approached by the Virgin Active Group to instruct classes at their Kenilworth branch.