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NITheCS Award
Best First Year Student in Physics Continuing with Physics
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SANSA Award
Best Second Year Student in Physics
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Best Third Year Student in Physics
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School of Chemistry & Physics Award
Best Honours Student in Physics
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NASSP Award
Best Honours Project in Physics
OLONA MANGALA
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Excellent Achievement in Physics Masters
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Excellent Achievement in Physics PhD
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Best Student in Chemistry I Continuing with Chemistry
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Best Student in Chemistry II
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Best Student in Applied Chemistry II
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Presented by: Dr Mzamo Shozi

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Prestige Award
Best Student in Applied Chemistry III
KIMARA MAISTRY
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Best Student in Chemistry III
SARISHKA AMICHUND
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Best Overall Student in Chemistry
SARISHKA AMICHUND
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Best Student Honours Project in Chemistry
PREYESHINI GOVENDER
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Excellent Achievement in Chemistry Masters
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Presented by: Professor Hafizah Chenia

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School of Life Sciences Award
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BRONWYN LEIGH RAMSAMY
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Best Second Year Mathematics Student
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Presented by: Professor Gareth Amery

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Best Honours Project in Applied Mathematics
SLUNGILE TSHIBASE
Presented by: Professor Poobhalan Pillay

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Best Applied Mathematics Honours Student
SLUNGILE TSHIBASE
Presented by: Professor Gareth Amery

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Sue Pitts Memorial First Year Statistics Award
Best Overall First Year Statistics Student
ZUKISWA DLAMINI
Presented by: Dr Danielle Roberts

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Standard Bank Second Year Statistics Award
Best Second Year Statistics Student
JAEDON MATTHEW NAIDU
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Standard Bank Third Year Statistics Award
Best Third Year Statistics Student
KIASH NADESEN BALDEO
Presented by: Mr Ashveer Chalithar

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FNB Statistics Honours Award
Best Statistics Honours Student
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Presented by: Mr Creolin Pillay
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Best First Year Computer Science Student with the Highest Average
for COMP102/107 Continuing with Computer Science
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Best Second Year Computer Science Student with the Highest Average
for COMP200/201/204 Continuing with Computer Science
AVESH RAMAVATHER
Presented by: Ms Ayesha Osman

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Best Second Year Computer Science Student with the Highest Mark for COMP201
AVESH RAMAVATHER
Presented by: Mr Creolin Pillay

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Entelect UKZN Computer Science Award
Best Third Year Computer Science Student with the Highest Average
for COMP313 & 315
RESHAY NAIDOO
Presented by: Ms Nikki Naidoo/ Ms Sharika Seur

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Entelect UKZN Computer Science Award
Best Overall Third Year Computer Science Student
RESHAY NAIDOO
Presented by: Ms Nikki Naidoo/ Ms Sharika Seur

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Discovery Computer Science Honours Project Award
Best Computer Science Honours Research Project
SACHIN REDDY
Presented by: Mr Denver Moodley

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Best Overall Computer Science Honours Student with Highest CWA
REVLEN GANESH
Presented by: Mr Brett Thompson

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