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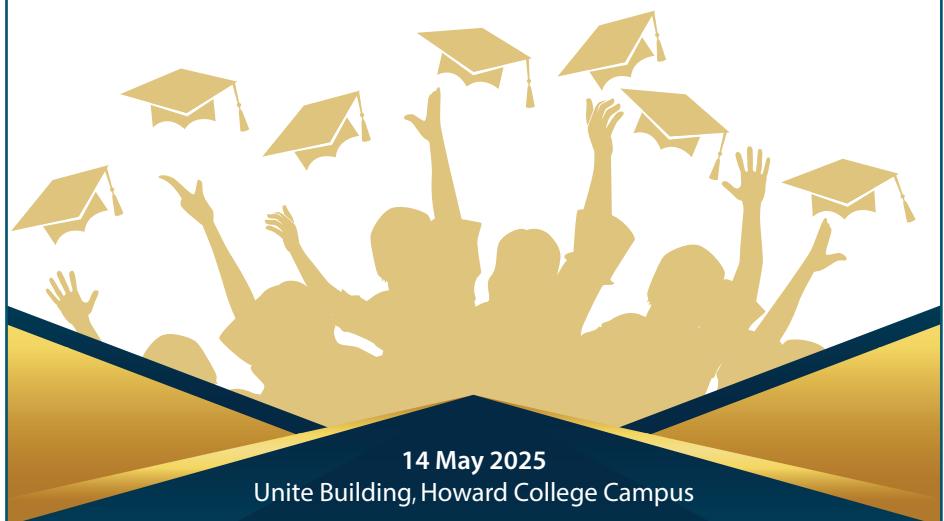
College of Agriculture, Engineering and Science



## 2025 AWARDS CEREMONY

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## **SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURAL, EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES**

### **Luhlaza Consulting Award**

*Best Geological Sciences Honours Student (Geology and Ore Deposits Stream)*

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*Best Geological Sciences Honours Student (Environmental and Engineering Geology Stream)*

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### **CQCtec Award**

*Best First Year Student in Physics Continuing with Physics*

**MEKARA SINGH**

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### **CQCtec Award**

*Best Second Year Student in Physics*

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### **NITheCS Award**

*Best Third Year Student in Physics*

**EMMA CHRISTINE HODGSON**

Presented by: Professor Alan Matthews



### **Prestige Award**

*Best Honours Student in Physics*

**SAARISHA GOVENDER**

Presented by: Mr Greg Kisten



### **Pert Award**

*Best Honours Project in Physics*

**SAARISHA GOVENDER**

Presented by: Mr Lister Dube



### **NITheCS Physics Masters Award**

*Excellent Achievement in Physics Masters*

**MARK FINGERHUTH**

Presented by: Professor Ilya Sinaysky



## **NITheCS Physics PhD Award**

*Excellent Achievement in Physics PhD*

### **BETONY LASCELLES ADAMS**

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### **Trilab Award**

*Best Student in Chemistry I Continuing with Chemistry*

### **AVISHAN HARICHAND**

Presented by: Mr Barry Chetty



### **DLD Scientific Award**

*Best Student in Chemistry II*

### **KAEDEN TERRELLE PILLAY**

Presented by: Professor Ross Robinson



### **Labotec Award**

*Best Student in Applied Chemistry II*

### **NOLUVO NOLWAZI KHUMALO**

Presented by: Mr Urmiel Maduray



### **Shalom Award**

*Best Student in Applied Chemistry III*

### **SINETHEMBA PROMISE HLONGWANE**

Presented by: Mr Sashen Govender



### **PoreTech Award**

*Best Student in Chemistry III*

### **NHLANHLA HLONGWANE**

Presented by: Mr Louis Breedt



### **PerkinElmer Award**

*Best Overall Student in Chemistry*

### **NHLANHLA HLONGWANE**

Presented by: Mr Carlos Mateiro



### **Herby Govinden Floating Trophy**

*Best Student Honours Project in Chemistry*

### **KIMARA MAISTRY**

Presented by: Professor Poobhalan Pillay



**Shimadzu Award**

*Best Student in Chemistry Honours*

**KIMARA MAISTRY**

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**Merck Chemistry Masters Award**

*Excellent Achievement in Chemistry Masters*

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*Excellent Achievement in Chemistry PhD*

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**SASOL TOP FIRST YEAR STUDENT AWARD**

Presented by: Professor David Lokhat

Chemical Engineering

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**ABDUR-RAHMAN KAKA**

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Engineering Augmented Programme

**MBHEKISENI MKHIZE**

Chemical Engineering

**NARADO REUBEN WALDEN CHETTY**

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**DAYLEN NAIDOO**

Mechanical Engineering  
**SAMEEHA WAHAB**

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**TALHA DADA**

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**KIARA MOTHEELAL**

Computer Engineering  
**RYAN MATTHEW ARUMUGAM**  
**SANDHINI SHANKARA NAIDOO**

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**JESHEREAN LEVIEN YENGOPAL**

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**SAKEENAH TAYOB**



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*The South African Institute of Mechanical Engineering Meritorious Student*

**SAKEENAH TAYOB**

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### **ECSA Medal Award**

*Top Student in the School of Engineering 2024*

**MUHAMMAD AZEEZ**

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*Best RDNA202 Student*

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*Best BIOL390 Research Project*

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**United Scientific Award**

*Highest Mark in BIOL349*

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**United Scientific Award**

*Highest Aggregate across Third Year Cell Biology Modules*

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*Highest Mark for BIOC315 and BIOC316*

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*Best Third Year Biochemistry Student*

**THANDISWA NYAWO**

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*Best Third Year Genetics Student*

**THANDISWA NYAWO**

Presented by: Professor Shahidul Islam

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*Best Third Year Microbiology Student*

**SUMENDRIE GOVENDER**

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*Best Honours Student in Microbiology*

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Presented by: Mr Pule Shabalala

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**Inqaba Biotechnology Genetics Award**

*Best Honours Student in Genetics*

**ZAYNUB DESAI**

Presented by: Mr Pule Shabalala

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**Inqaba Biotechnology Forensic Genetics Award**

*Best Honours Student in Forensic Genetics*

**NOMBULELO MNTAMBO**

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**Whitehead Biochemistry Honours Award**

*Best Honours Student in Biochemistry*

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*Best Honours Student in Zoology (BIOL790)*

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*Best First Year Mathematics Student Continuing with Mathematics*

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**Hanno Rund Second Year Mathematics Award**

*Best Second Year Mathematics Student*

**LUYANDA MYEZA**

Presented by: Professor Gareth Amery

### **Hanno Rund Third Year Mathematics Award**

*Best Third Year Student in Pure Mathematics*

**NOKWANDA BIYASE**

Presented by: Professor Gareth Amery

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### **Hanno Rund Third Year Mathematics Award**

*Best Third Year Student in Pure Mathematics: Proxime Accessit*

**JADENE RAGHUNAN**

Presented by: Professor Gareth Amery

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### **Hanno Rund Third Year Applied Mathematics Award**

*Best Third Year Student in Applied Mathematics*

**JAEDON MATTHEW NAIDU**

Presented by: Professor Gareth Amery

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### **Hanno Rund Third Year Applied Mathematics Award**

*Best Third Year Student in Applied Mathematics: Proxime Accessit*

**SHREYA LALMAN**

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### **South African Mathematical Society (SAMS) Bronze Medal**

*Best UKZN Applied Mathematics Honours student in 2023*

**SLUNGILE TSIBASE**

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### **Second Year Statistics Award**

*Best Second Year Statistics Student (Westville Campus)*

**ZUKISWA DLAMINI**

Presented by: Ms Natalie Benschop

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### **Standard Bank Second Year Statistics Award**

*Best Second Year Statistics Student Overall*

**ZUKISWA DLAMINI**

Presented by: Mr Nikhailyn Rambali

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### **Third Year Statistics Award**

*Best Third Year Statistics Student (Westville Campus)*

**JAEDON MATTHEW NAIDU**

Presented by: Dr Danielle Roberts

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## **Standard Bank Third Year Statistics Award**

*Best Third Year Statistics Student Overall*

**JAEDON MATTHEW NAIDU**

Presented by: Mr Nikhailyn Rambali

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## **FNB Statistics Honours Award**

*Best Statistics Honours Student*

**TYRIQ PILLAY**

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*Excellence in Statistics Honours Project*

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*Top Postgraduate Diploma in Data Science Student*

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*Best Masters in Data Science Student*

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*Top Female Postgraduate Data Science Student*

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*Top First Year Computer Science Student with the Highest Average for COMP100/102 Continuing with Computer Science*

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*Top First Year Computer Science Student with the Highest Average for COMP102/107 Continuing with Computer Science*

**ASHTON REECE PERUMAUL**

Presented by: Ms Candice Naidoo

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*Top Second Year Computer Science Student with the Highest Average for  
COMP200/201/204 Continuing with Computer Science*

#### **MAHOMED IRFAN AKBUR ALLY**

Presented by: Ms Ayesha Osman



### **FNB UKZN Computer Science Award**

*Top Second Year Computer Science Student with the Highest Mark for COMP201  
XANDER LINKS*

Presented by: Ms Candice Naidoo



### **Entelect UKZN Computer Science Award**

*Top Third Year Computer Science Student with the Highest Average for COMP313 & 315*

#### **JAEDON MATTHEW NAIDU**

Presented by: Ms Nikki Naidoo



### **Entelect UKZN Computer Science Award**

*Top Overall Third Year Computer Science Student*

#### **JAEDON MATTHEW NAIDU**

Presented by: Ms Nikki Naidoo



### **Discovery Computer Science Honours Project Award**

*Top Computer Science Honours Research Project*

#### **KIVAL MAHADEW**

Presented by: Ms Gabriel Chetty



### **Mr Price Computer Science Honours Award**

*Top Overall Computer Science Honours Student with Highest CWA*

#### **CALLYN BLAYNE BARATH**

Presented by: Mr Johan Fourie / Mr Muhammad Ikram



### **Remi Adewumi Memorial Award**

*Best Overall MSc Computer Science student with highest final mark  
completing in under two years*

#### **SHIMAL HARICHURN**

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