



UNIVERSITY OFTM
KWAZULU-NATAL
INYUVESI
YAKWAZULU-NATALI

College of Agriculture, Engineering and Science



2025 AWARDS CEREMONY

Durban Centre

For Student Achievement
during the 2024 Academic Year



14 May 2025

Unite Building, Howard College Campus

INSPIRING GREATNESS

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURAL, EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Luhlaza Consulting Award

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

ISHTA MAHARAJ

Presented by: Professor Molla Demlie



Geosure Consulting Award

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

ZOE NORKIE

Presented by: Professor Molla Demlie



SCHOOL OF CHEMISTRY & PHYSICS

CQCtec Award

Best First Year Student in Physics Continuing with Physics

MEKARA SINGH

Presented by: Professor Thomas Konrad



CQCtec Award

Best Second Year Student in Physics

ZECHARIAH JACOB BISCHOFF

Presented by: Professor Thomas Konrad



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

Presented by: Professor Ilya Sinaysky



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 Urmel 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

Presented by: Mr Kevin Wickee



Merck Chemistry Masters Award

Excellent Achievement in Chemistry Masters

NUMEERAH ALLY

Presented by: Mr Donovan Alho



MIKTEK Chemistry PhD Award

Excellent Achievement in Chemistry PhD

NOMAGUGU BELINDA NCUBE

Presented by: Mr Clinton Padayachee



SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

SASOL TOP FIRST YEAR STUDENT AWARD

Presented by: Professor David Lokhat

Chemical Engineering

ABOBAKR JOOSAB

Computer Engineering

ABDUR-RAHMAN KAKA

Mechanical Engineering

TAHIR PRASHAM ANANDAVASAGAR



FIRST YEAR MERIT AWARD

Presented by: Professor David Lokhat

Chemical Engineering

TYLER GARRETT



STANDARD BANK TOP SECOND YEAR STUDENT AWARD

Presented by: Mr Nikhailyn Rambali

Engineering Augmented Programme

MBHEKISENI MKHIZE

Chemical Engineering

NARADO REUBEN WALDEN CHETTY

Computer Engineering
DAYLEN NAIDOO

Mechanical Engineering
SAMEEHA WAHAB



SECOND YEAR MERIT AWARD

Presented by: Professor Tom Walingo

Chemical Engineering
SINETHEMBA ANANA XOZWA
VANESHREE NAIDOO

Computer Engineering
KEVOLIN NEOLIN GOVENDER
MUHAMMAD BUCKUS



STANDARD BANK TOP THIRD YEAR STUDENT AWARD

Presented by: Mr Nikhailyn Rambali

Agricultural Engineering
AMANDA DIKHALI

Civil Engineering
SFISO NXUMALO

Computer Engineering
TALHA DADA

Mechanical Engineering
JADIN DAYANUND



THIRD YEAR MERIT AWARD

Presented by: Professor Dillip Das

Civil Engineering
KIARA MOTHEELAL

Computer Engineering
RYAN MATTHEW ARUMUGAM
SANDHINI SHANKARA NAIDOO

Mechanical Engineering
NITAI NAICKER

SASOL TOP FOURTH YEAR STUDENT AWARD

Presented by: Professor Glen Bright

Civil Engineering
MUHAMMAD AZEEZ

Electrical Engineering
JESHEREAN LEVIEN YENGOPAL

Mechanical Engineering
SAKEENAH TAYOB



SAIMechE Award

The South African Institute of Mechanical Engineering Meritorious Student

SAKEENAH TAYOB

Presented by: Professor Glen Bright



ECSA Medal Award

Top Student in the School of Engineering 2024

MUHAMMAD AZEEZ

Presented by: Professor Glen Bright



SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES

Inqaba Biotechnology Award

Best RDNA202 Student

CARMELLE PERUMAL

Presented by: Mr Pule Shabalala



Yaksha Scientific Award

Best BIOL390 Research Project

NQOBILE SHABALALA

Presented by: Mr Averson Naidoo



RGS Supplies Microscopy Award

Highest Mark for BIOL345

NQOBILE SHABALALA

Presented by: Mr Sudhin Naidoo



United Scientific Award

Highest Mark in BIOL349

KIMERA PILLAY

Presented by: Dr David Glassom



United Scientific Award

Highest Aggregate across Third Year Cell Biology Modules

CALLEY MOODLEY

Presented by: Dr David Glassom



AS Gupthar Floating Trophy Award

Highest Mark for BIOC315 and BIOC316

SUMENDRIE GOVENDER

Presented by: Professor Mario Ariatti



School of Life Sciences Award

Best Third Year Biochemistry Student

THANDISWA NYAWO

Presented by: Professor Shahidul Islam



School of Life Sciences Award

Best Third Year Genetics Student

THANDISWA NYAWO

Presented by: Professor Shahidul Islam



Lasec Microbiology Award

Best Third Year Microbiology Student

SUMENDRIE GOVENDER

Presented by: Ms Joanne Shackleton



Inqaba Biotechnology Microbiology Award

Best Honours Student in Microbiology

TALIAH PETERSON

Presented by: Mr Pule Shabalala



Inqaba Biotechnology Genetics Award

Best Honours Student in Genetics

ZAYNUB DESAI

Presented by: Mr Pule Shabalala



Inqaba Biotechnology Forensic Genetics Award

Best Honours Student in Forensic Genetics

NOMBULELO MNTAMBO

Presented by: Mr Pule Shabalala



Whitehead Biochemistry Honours Award

Best Honours Student in Biochemistry

BIBI RABIA KHAN

Presented by: Professor Shahidul Islam



Zoological Society of Southern Africa Award

Best Honours Student in Zoology (BIOL790)

SAMUKELISIWE NKOSI

Presented by: Dr Angus Macdonald



Miktek Scientific Biology Award

Best Honours Student in Biology

LINDELWE MATHONSI

Presented by: Mrs Reona Padayachee



Anne Alexander Memorial Bursary Award

Promising Honours Student in Biology

WARRICK BREDENKAMP

Presented by: Dr Angus Macdonald



Lasec-Iwaki Zebrafish Research Award

Best Postgraduate Project Incorporating Zebrafish Research

LANGELIHLE SOSIBO

Presented by: Professor Carola Niesler



SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS, STATISTICS and COMPUTER SCIENCE

Hanno Rund First Year Mathematics Award

Best First Year Mathematics Student Continuing with Mathematics

AMAHLE MKHIZE

Presented by: Professor Gareth Amery



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



Hanno Rund Third Year Mathematics Award

Best Third Year Student in Pure Mathematics: Proxime Accessit

JADENE RAGHUNAN

Presented by: Professor Gareth Amery



Hanno Rund Third Year Applied Mathematics Award

Best Third Year Student in Applied Mathematics

JAEDON MATTHEW NAIDU

Presented by: Professor Gareth Amery



Hanno Rund Third Year Applied Mathematics Award

Best Third Year Student in Applied Mathematics: Proxime Accessit

SHREYA LALMAN

Presented by: Professor Gareth Amery



South African Mathematical Society (SAMS) Bronze Medal

Best UKZN Applied Mathematics Honours student in 2023

SLUNGILE TSHIBASE

Presented by: Professor Poobhalan Pillay



Second Year Statistics Award

Best Second Year Statistics Student (Westville Campus)

ZUKISWA DLAMINI

Presented by: Ms Natalie Benschop



Standard Bank Second Year Statistics Award

Best Second Year Statistics Student Overall

ZUKISWA DLAMINI

Presented by: Mr Nikhailyn Rambali



Third Year Statistics Award

Best Third Year Statistics Student (Westville Campus)

JAEDON MATTHEW NAIDU

Presented by: Dr Danielle Roberts



Standard Bank Third Year Statistics Award

Best Third Year Statistics Student Overall

JAEDON MATTHEW NAIDU

Presented by: Mr Nikhailyn Rambali



FNB Statistics Honours Award

Best Statistics Honours Student

TYRIQ PILLAY

Presented by: Ms Candice Naidoo



Mr Price Statistics Honours Project Award

Excellence in Statistics Honours Project

NTEBOGENG KOLOANE

Presented by: Mr Muhammad Ikram



Mr Price Data Science Award

Top Postgraduate Diploma in Data Science Student

FARAI MUTIBURA

Presented by: Mr Johan Fourie



FNB Data Science Masters Award

Best Masters in Data Science Student

SHAYLIN NAIDOO

Presented by: Ms Candice Naidoo



Delia North Data Science Award

Top Female Postgraduate Data Science Student

FELLENG MOLORANE

Presented by: Professor Delia North



Boxfusion Computer Science Award

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

MINENTLE VIKWA

Presented by: Dr Edgar Jembere



FNB UKZN Computer Science Award

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

ASHTON REECE PERUMAU

Presented by: Ms Candice Naidoo

BSG UKZN Computer Science Award

*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

Presented by: Mr Anban Pillay



Thanks to the following sponsors:

Corporate and Group Sponsors

- Boxfusion
- BSG
- CQCtec
- Discovery
- DLD Scientific
- DMT Kai Batla
- Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA)
- Entelect
- First National Bank
- GeosureConsulting
- InqabaBiotech
- Labotec
- Lassec
- LuhlazaConsulting
- Merck
- Miktek Scientific
- MrPrice
- National Institute for Theoretical and Computational Sciences (NITheCS)
- PerkinElmer
- Pert Industrials
- PoreTech
- Prestige Laboratory Supplies
- Quantum Research Group
- RGSSupplies
- Sasol
- School of Agricultural, Earth & Environmental Sciences
- School of Chemistry & Physics
- School of Engineering
- School of Life Sciences
- School of Mathematics, Statistics & Computer Science
- Shalom Laboratory Supplies
- Shimadzu
- SAS Analytics & Software Solutions
- StandardBank
- Trilab
- UnitedScientific
- WhiteheadScientific
- YakshaScientific



Individual Sponsors

Mzamo Shozi
Poobhalan Pillay



In Memory of

Abindra Gupthar
Anne Alexander
Herby Govinden
Hanno Rund
Remi Adewumi

