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College of Agriculture, Engineering and Science



2025 AWARDS CEREMONY

Pietermaritzburg Centre

For Student Achievement
during the 2024 Academic Year



13 May 2025
Hexagon Theatre, Golf Road Campus

INSPIRING GREATNESS

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURAL, EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Rijkenberg Award

Best Second Year Plant Pathology 214 Student

NAKAI SIBANDA

Presented by: Dr Nokwazi Mbili

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Limagrain Zaad South Africa Annual Plant Pathology Award

Best Third Year Plant Pathology Student with the Highest Combined Mark for Plant Pathology

REBECCA JADE CARPENTER

Presented by: Dr Nokwazi Mbili

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SciCorp Award

Best Third Year Plant Pathology Student with the Highest Mark for Plant Path 370

NQOBILE MAFULEKA

Presented by: Dr Nokwazi Mbili

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Inqaba Biotech Award

Best Third Year Virology Student in the Module Introduction to Viruses (PPTH305)

REBECCA JADE CARPENTER

Presented by: Mr Pule Shabalala

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Mark Laing Award

Best student in Principles of Plant Disease Management (PPTH360)

REBECCA JADE CARPENTER

Presented by: Dr Nokwazi Mbili

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Vanderplank Award

Best Plant Pathology Honours Student who obtains the Highest Combined Mark for Plant Pathology 750 and Plant Pathology 785

SANDILE JAMA

Presented by: Dr Nokwazi Mbili

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Honours Crop Science Award

Best Crop Science Honours Student

RENEILWE MAHLANYA

Presented by: Professor Alfred Odindo

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MSc Crop Science Award

Best Crop Science Postgraduate Student

BARNABAS OLUOCH

Presented by: Professor Alfred Odindo

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Lima Food Security Award

Best Student in Postgraduate Diploma in Food Security

LUNGILE DUMISILE MBATHA

Presented by: Mr Duncan Stewart

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Campbell Scientific Agrometeorology Floating Trophy

Best Overall Student in Agrometeorology

MATHEW GORDJIN

Presented by: Professor Alistair Clulow

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Roland Schulze Award

Best Third Year Hydrology Student Continuing with Hydrology Honours

LUYANDA MPANZA

Presented by: Ms Kershani Chetty

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Centre for Water Resources Research Award

Best Hydrology Honours Student Continuing with Hydrology Masters

SBONELO MTETWA

Presented by: Ms Kershani Chetty

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Standard Bank Agricultural Economics Award

Student with the Best Combined Average Mark for Agricultural Economics 220 & 270

APHELELE ANDISWA SUKUDE

Presented by: Mr Clinton Hayward

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Lima Rural Development Award

Best Student in AGEC380

SINEKOSI PERSEVERANCE DITSHEGO

Presented by: Mr Duncan Stewart

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HI Behrmann Award

Best Student in AGEC791/AGBU791/AMAN790

SIMPHIWE MLOTSHWA

Presented by: Professor Lloyd Baiyegunhi

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KwaZulu-Natal Poultry Institute Book Award

Best Student in Animal Science 201

KENTSANI MAKHATHINI

Presented by: Professor Muthulisi Siwela

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Kwanalu Floating Trophy

Best Bachelor of Agriculture (AERRM) Undergraduate Student

GCINILE NGUBANE

Presented by: Ms Khethiwe Mthethwa

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Halley Stott Award

Best First Year Student in Dietetics and Human Nutrition

AMANDA NOSIHLÉ SIBISI

Presented by: Professor Kirthee Pillay

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Halley Stott Roussel Floating Trophy

Best Second Year Student in Dietetics and Human Nutrition

RAMINA DIL HOSSAIN

Presented by: Professor Kirthee Pillay

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Valley Trust Award

Best Third Year Student in Dietetics and Human Nutrition

CARAH BLESSIE

Presented by: Dr Mfana Shozi

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Association for Dietetics in South Africa (ADSA) Award

Best Student in Food Service Management Internship FSMT410

LUNGELO MUZIKAYISE KUZWAYO

Presented by: Dr Laurencia Govender

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Nestle Nutrition Institute Africa (NNIA) Award

Best Student in Community Nutrition Internship in Dietetics NUTR410

NOSIPHO MNGUNI

Presented by: Mr Sibusiso Mvuyane

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Halley Stott Award

Best Student in Therapy Internship in Dietetics Diet410

ALISHA SIMNEY

Presented by: Professor Kirthee Pillay

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Best Fourth Year Student in Dietetics and Human Nutrition

ASAZEKE NGOBESE

Presented by: Dr Mfana Shozi



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SANDILE JAMA

Presented by: Professor Muthulisi Siwela



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Best First Year Student in Physics

KWANELE GWALA

Presented by: Professor Genene Mola



NITheCS Award

Best Third Year Student in Physics

VERGINA THEMBSILE BE

Presented by: Professor Genene Mola



NITheCS Physics MSc Award

Excellent Achievement in Physics MSc

NCEDO JILI

Presented by: Professor Ross Robinson



NITheCS Physics PhD Award

Excellent Achievement in Physics PhD

JUDE NODEBECHUKWUNSO IKE

Presented by: Professor Ross Robinson



Simangele Irene Ngubane Floating Trophy

Best First Year Student Continuing in Chemistry

KWANELE GWALA

Presented by: Dr Desigan Reddy



Trilab Award

Best Second Year Student in Chemistry

ANELE MPHUTHI

Presented by: Mr Barry Chetty

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Perkin Elmer Award

Best Third Year Student Continuing in Chemistry

SINAKHONKE MTSHALI

Presented by: Mr Carlos Mateiro

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Pert Award

Best Third Year Student in Chemical Technology

NYSA CHETTY

Presented by: Professor Ross Robinson

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Poretech Chemistry Honours Award

Best Honours Student in Chemistry

ASANDA MICHELLE NGWENYA

Presented by: Mr Louis Breedt

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Merck Chemistry Masters Award

Excellent Achievement in Chemistry Masters

SISONKE GOSO

Presented by: Mr Donovan Alho

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MIKTEK Chemistry PhD Award

Excellent Achievement in Chemistry PhD

NTOMBIPHUMILE PERCEVERENCE TENZA

Presented by: Mr Clinton Padayachee



SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES

LR Caney Award

Best Second Year Dissection

ANDE KHENA

Presented by: Professor Jeff Finnie

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Inqaba Biotechnology Award

Best RDNA202 Student

ANELE MPHUTHI

Presented by: Dr Che Pillay

Zoological Society of Southern Africa Award

Best Third Year Student in Zoology

TRIDHARA RAMNARAJ

Presented by: Professor Jeff Finnie

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Chris Bornmann Award

Best Third Year Student in Plant Physiology

TRIDHARA RAMNARAJ

Presented by: Professor Jeff Finnie

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Adolf Bayer Award

Best Third Year Student in Plant Ecology

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Kath Gordon Gray Award

Best Third Year Student in Plant Systematics

TRIDHARA RAMNARAJ

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Frank Bush Award

Best Third Year Student in Entomology

SPHELELE BHENGU

Presented by: Professor Jeff Finnie

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School of Life Sciences Microbiology Award

Best Third Year Student in Microbiology

BANDILE SIZWE MASUKU

Presented by: Dr Charles Hunter

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KRISP Bioinformatics Award

Best GENE320 (Bioinformatics) Student

NONDUMISO PRECIOUS MFEKA

Presented by: Dr Che Pillay

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KRISP Population & Quantitative Genetics Award

Best GENE310 Student

NOTHANDO NDAMANE

Presented by: Dr Che Pillay

School of Life Sciences Genetics Award

Best Third Year Student in Genetics

MZOMUHLE KHAWULA

Presented by: Professor Dr Che Pillay

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Dean Goldring Award

Best BIOC311 Student

ZINHLE THINA HLONGWANA

Presented by: Professor Dean Goldring

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SASBMB & School of Life Sciences Biochemistry Award

Best Third Year Student in Biochemistry

MZOMUHLE KHAWULA

Presented by: Dr Pamela Mkhize

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Zoological Society of Southern Africa Award

Best Honours Student in Zoology

PERCY MOYO

Presented by: Professor Jeff Finnie

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Entomological Society of Southern Africa Award

Best Honours Student in Entomology

LUYANDA HLAMAPHI

Presented by: Professor Jeff Finnie

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KRISP and Hofmeyer-Van Schaik Medal

Best Honours Student in Genetics

YESHE NAIDOO

Presented by: Dr Che Pillay

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School of Life Sciences Microbiology Honours Award

Best Honours Student in Microbiology

SINENHLANHLA MWELI

Presented by: Professor Stefan Schmidt

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GV Quicke Award

Best Honours Student in Biochemistry

TATUM THOMAS

Presented by: Professor Theresa Coetzer

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Grassland Society of Southern Africa Medal

Outstanding MSc or PhD in Grassland Science

ROBYN NICOLAY

Presented by: Professor Jeff Finnie



SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS, STATISTICS and COMPUTER SCIENCE

Hanno Rund First Year Mathematics Award

Best First Year Mathematics Student Continuing with Mathematics

INGA THANDUXOLO KUNENE

Presented by: Dr Hloniphile Sithole Mthethwa

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Hanno Rund Second Year Mathematics Award

Best Second Year Mathematics Student Continuing with Mathematics

SPHESIHLLE PRETTY DLAMINI

Presented by: Dr Hloniphile Sithole Mthethwa

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Hanno Rund Third Year Mathematics Award

Best Third Year Student in Applied Mathematics

MBULEKANI RUSSEL JALI

Presented by: Dr Hloniphile Sithole Mthethwa

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Hanno Rund Third Year Applied Mathematics Award

Best Third Year Student in Applied Mathematics

MBULEKANI RUSSEL JALI

Presented by: Dr Hloniphile Sithole Mthethwa

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Sue Pitts Memorial First Year Statistics Award

Best Overall First Year Statistics Student

MTHOBISI DLADLA

Presented by: Professor Shaun Ramroop

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Second Year Statistics Award

Best Second Year Statistics Student

SFISO GUMEDE

Presented by: Professor Shaun Ramroop

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Third Year Statistics Award

Best Third Year Statistics Student

OLAMIDE ADU

Presented by: Professor Shaun Ramroop

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FNB Honours in Statistics Award

Best Statistics Honours Student

LARISSA SINGH

Presented by: Ms Candice Naidoo

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FNB Honours in Statistics Project Award

Best Statistics Honours Project

LARISSA SINGH

Presented by: Ms Candice Naidoo

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Boxfusion Computer Science Award

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

INGA THANDUXOLO KUNENE

Presented by: Dr Jean-Vincent Fonou-Dombeu

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Entelect Computer Science Award

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

MELIQINISO AMAHLE DLAMINI

Presented by: Presented by: Mr Zunaid Vadwa

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Discovery Computer Science Award

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

THOKOZANI NYAWOSE

Presented by: Ms Gabriel Chetty

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Entelect Computer Science Award

Best Second Year Computer Science Student with the Highest Mark for COMP201 Continuing with Computer Science

THOKOZANI NYAWOSE

Presented by: Dr Mr Zunaid Vadwa

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Entelect Computer Science Award

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

JAMAINE ANDREW PILLAY

Presented by: Mr Zunaid Vadwa

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