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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



### **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



### **SciCorp Award**

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

**NQOBILE MAFULEKA**

Presented by: Dr Nokwazi Mbili



### **Inqaba Biotech Award**

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

**REBECCA JADE CARPENTER**

Presented by: Mr Pule Shabalala



### **Mark Laing Award**

*Best student in Principles of Plant Disease Management (PPTH360)*

**REBECCA JADE CARPENTER**

Presented by: Dr Nokwazi Mbili



### **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



### **Honours Crop Science Award**

*Best Crop Science Honours Student*

**RENEILWE MAHLANYA**

Presented by: Professor Alfred Odindo



**MSc Crop Science Award**

*Best Crop Science Postgraduate Student*

**BARNABAS OLUOCH**

Presented by: Professor Alfred Odindo



**Lima Food Security Award**

*Best Student in Postgraduate Diploma in Food Security*

**LUNGILE DUMISILE MBATHA**

Presented by: Mr Duncan Stewart



**Campbell Scientific Agrometeorology Floating Trophy**

*Best Overall Student in Agrometeorology*

**MATHEW GORDJIN**

Presented by: Professor Alistair Clulow



**Roland Schulze Award**

*Best Third Year Hydrology Student Continuing with Hydrology Honours*

**LUYANDA MPANZA**

Presented by: Ms Kershani Chetty



**Centre for Water Resources Research Award**

*Best Hydrology Honours Student Continuing with Hydrology Masters*

**SBONELO MTETWA**

Presented by: Ms Kershani Chetty



**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



**Lima Rural Development Award**

*Best Student in AGECE380*

**SINEKOSI PERSEVERANCE DITSHEGO**

Presented by: Mr Duncan Stewart



**HI Behrmann Award**

*Best Student in AGECE791/AGBU791/AMAN790*

**SIMPHIWE MLOTSHWA**

Presented by: Professor Lloyd Baiyegunhi



### **KwaZulu-Natal Poultry Institute Book Award**

*Best Student in Animal Science 201*

**KENTSANI MAKHATHINI**

Presented by: Professor Muthulisi Siwela



### **Kwanalu Floating Trophy**

*Best Bachelor of Agriculture (AERRM) Undergraduate Student*

**GCINILE NGUBANE**

Presented by: Ms Khethiwe Mthethwa



### **Halley Stott Award**

*Best First Year Student in Dietetics and Human Nutrition*

**AMANDA NOSIHLE SIBISI**

Presented by: Professor Kirthree Pillay



### **Halley Stott Roussel Floating Trophy**

*Best Second Year Student in Dietetics and Human Nutrition*

**RAMINA DIL HOSSAIN**

Presented by: Professor Kirthree Pillay



### **Valley Trust Award**

*Best Third Year Student in Dietetics and Human Nutrition*

**CARAH BLESSIE**

Presented by: Dr Mfana Shozi



### **Association for Dietetics in South Africa (ADSA) Award**

*Best Student in Food Service Management Internship FSMT410*

**LUNGELO MUZIKAYISE KUZWAYO**

Presented by: Dr Laurencia Govender



### **Nestle Nutrition Institute Africa (NNIA) Award**

*Best Student in Community Nutrition Internship in Dietetics NUTR410*

**NOSIPHO MNGUNI**

Presented by: Mr Sibusiso Mvuyane



### **Halley Stott Award**

*Best Student in Therapy Internship in Dietetics Diet410*

**ALISHA SIMNEY**

Presented by: Professor Kirthree Pillay



### **Valley Trust Award**

*Best Fourth Year Student in Dietetics and Human Nutrition*

**ASAZEKE NGOBESE**

Presented by: Dr Mfana Shoji



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*Dux: Agricultural & Dietetics Programmes*

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### **Incredible Connection Award**

*Best First Year Student in Physics*

**KWANELE GWALA**

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*Best Third Year Student in Physics*

**VERGINA THEMBISILE BE**

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### **NITheCS Physics MSc Award**

*Excellent Achievement in Physics MSc*

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Presented by: Professor Ross Robinson



### **NITheCS Physics PhD Award**

*Excellent Achievement in Physics PhD*

**JUDE NODEBECHUKWUNSO IKE**

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### **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



### **Perkin Elmer Award**

*Best Third Year Student Continuing in Chemistry*

**SINAKHONKE MTSHALI**

Presented by: Mr Carlos Mateiro



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*Best Third Year Student in Chemical Technology*

**NYSA CHETTY**

Presented by: Professor Ross Robinson



### **Poretech Chemistry Honours Award**

*Best Honours Student in Chemistry*

**ASANDA MICHELLE NGWENYA**

Presented by: Mr Louis Breedt



### **Merck Chemistry Masters Award**

*Excellent Achievement in Chemistry Masters*

**SISONKE GOSO**

Presented by: Mr Donovan Alho



### **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



### **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



**Chris Bornmann Award**

*Best Third Year Student in Plant Physiology*

**TRIDHARA RAMNARAJ**

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**Adolf Bayer Award**

*Best Third Year Student in Plant Ecology*

**TRIDHARA RAMNARAJ**

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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



**School of Life Sciences Microbiology Award**

*Best Third Year Student in Microbiology*

**BANDILE SIZWE MASUKU**

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**KRISP Bioinformatics Award**

*Best GENE320 (Bioinformatics) Student*

**NONDUMISO PRECIOUS MFEKA**

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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



### **Dean Goldring Award**

*Best BIOC311 Student*

**ZINHLE THINA HLONGWANA**

Presented by: Professor Dean Goldring



### **SASBMB & School of Life Sciences Biochemistry Award**

*Best Third Year Student in Biochemistry*

**MZOMUHLE KHAWULA**

Presented by: Dr Pamela Mkhize



### **Zoological Society of Southern Africa Award**

*Best Honours Student in Zoology*

**PERCY MOYO**

Presented by: Professor Jeff Finnie



### **Entomological Society of Southern Africa Award**

*Best Honours Student in Entomology*

**LUYANDA HLAMAPHI**

Presented by: Professor Jeff Finnie



### **KRISP and Hofmeyer-Van Schaik Medal**

*Best Honours Student in Genetics*

**YESHE NAIDOO**

Presented by: Dr Che Pillay



### **School of Life Sciences Microbiology Honours Award**

*Best Honours Student in Microbiology*

**SINENHLANHLA MWELI**

Presented by: Professor Stefan Schmidt



### **GV Quicke Award**

*Best Honours Student in Biochemistry*

**TATUM THOMAS**

Presented by: Professor Theresa Coetzer





## **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



### **Hanno Rund Second Year Mathematics Award**

*Best Second Year Mathematics Student Continuing with Mathematics*

**SPHESIHLE PRETTY DLAMINI**

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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



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

*Best Third Year Student in Applied Mathematics*

**MBULEKANI RUSSEL JALI**

Presented by: Dr Hloniphile Sithole Mthethwa



### **Sue Pitts Memorial First Year Statistics Award**

*Best Overall First Year Statistics Student*

**MTHOBISI DLADLA**

Presented by: Professor Shaun Ramroop



### **Second Year Statistics Award**

*Best Second Year Statistics Student*

**SFISO GUMEDE**

Presented by: Professor Shaun Ramroop



### **Third Year Statistics Award**

*Best Third Year Statistics Student*

**OLAMIDE ADU**

Presented by: Professor Shaun Ramroop



### **FNB Honours in Statistics Award**

*Best Statistics Honours Student*

**LARISSA SINGH**

Presented by: Ms Candice Naidoo



### **FNB Honours in Statistics Project Award**

*Best Statistics Honours Project*

**LARISSA SINGH**

Presented by: Ms Candice Naidoo



### **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



### **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



### **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



### **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



### **Entelect Computer Science Award**

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

**JAMAINE ANDREW PILLAY**

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