

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCIAL ACCOUNTING

2022 News Highlights



National Awards and Academic Achievements



Deputy HoD **Boitumelo Kuzwayo** has had a few highlights in 2022. In July 2022 she was announced as one of the *Mail & Guardian* Top 200 South Africans in the education category. She won the ABASA 2022 Academic of the Year in September and was nominated for the SAICA Top 35 under Thirty5 in October, for which she won an award in the Game Changer category.



Lethiwe Nzama won the "Educator of the Year" award at the Institute of Internal Auditors event called "2022 IIA SA Awards".



Werner Otto
The department welcomed a new Dr as Werner Otto attained his Doctor of Philosophy Degree in October 2022.



*Best wishes to you and your family
for a happy holiday season.
Joy & prosperity in the new year!*

First Year Engagement and Peer Mentorship Programme

Every year, senior students in the department volunteer to be peer mentors to new first year students to help and guide them along their new journey in university. Various activities and events are organised during the year which included the Minute-2-Win-It games, Heritage Day celebration and farewell lunch, community engagement initiatives and various guest lectures.





Sport Achievements

Apart from academic interests, some of our staff members are sports enthusiasts and challenge themselves through the various sporting events that they take part in, from running to cycling.



Kgabo Masehela

finished his 8th Comrades Marathon in August 2022. Kgabo is an avid runner and regular participant at the Comrades Marathon.

INVITATION

The Department of Commercial Accounting invites you to a Virtual Public Lecture:

Future-fit Accountants Series: Sustainability

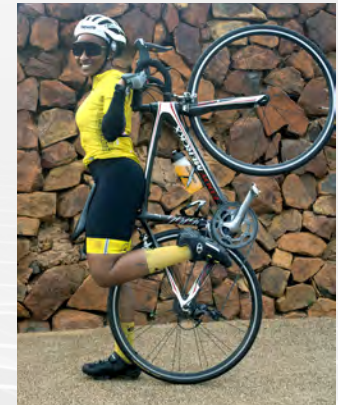
Featuring Senior Counsel and former Judge of the Supreme Court of South Africa, **Prof Mervyn King**

Events

Future-fit Accountants Series: Sustainability

In August the department hosted a virtual Public Lecture, the first edition of the Future-fit Accountants Series.

The Sustainability edition featured legendary Senior Counsel and Former Judge of the Supreme Court of South Africa, Prof Mervyn King. Other esteemed guests included influential industry figures such as Alta Prinsloo (UJ DCA Professor of Practice and PAFA CEO), Dr Nndi Nnoli-Endozien (ISSB Member), Yvette Lange (IAASB Technical Advisor) and an appearance by Dr Suresh Kana.



Boitumelo Kuzwayo

completed the Panorama Cycle Tour in Mpumalanga in October and in November she took part in and completed her 2nd Ride Joburg 947 cycling event.



ACCA GenZ Future Skills and Future of Work

In May, ACCA presented the findings of the GenZ Report focusing on future skills and the future of work in a virtual public lecture. The report was delivered by guest speaker Jamie Lyon, Portfolio Head of Business Management at ACCA in the United Kingdom. The panel members included ACCA CEO, Portia Mkhabela, Simphiwe Zuma, from AdaptIT, Gift Somakwabe, DCA alumna and Internal Auditor at PWC and Zanele Modiba, vice-president of UJ Convocation.



Third Year Breakfast

In September the department hosted an on-campus breakfast event for third year Diploma in Accountancy students at a Student Engagement Breakfast. External stakeholders presented a talk about future skills of work as the students will be transitioning into the world of work and furthering their studies next year. Companies present were PWC, ACCA and the president of ABASA. Students were inspired as they were preparing for their final exams as undergraduates in the department and they looked forward to the new chapter that awaits them as they complete their studies.



Career Day

The student engagement committee hosted a career day at the Lembede Gardens where various professional bodies setup stalls where students could engage on career prospects and furthering their education in the field of accounting. Stakeholders present included CIMA, ACCA, AT(SA), SAIPA, IIA, UJ ADC and UJ Department of Accounting.



New staff member

In October we welcomed a new member to the department, **Mpho Tshiololi**, who will be joining the academic team.

Community Engagement

Ekukhanyeni Crèche

Every year the department supports the Ekukhanyeni Crèche in Diepkloof, Soweto in various ways. Initiatives included the Back2School drive where we donated stationery and food items to the organisation at the start of the year. We showed love to the kids on Valentine's Day with some sweet treats and other goodies. In Winter we celebrated Mandela Day with the kids, and we closed of the year with a Christmas drive to make the children feel special as we head to the festive season.

Grade 12 Teacher Workshops

In April the department hosted a virtual workshop on teaching skills and techniques for grade 12 accounting teachers and principals from surrounding schools in Soweto.





Dr Werner Otto



Marise Mouton

Research Output

The department has been active in research, with members taking part in various conferences and journal publications in 2022. The presentations and publications includes a **Journal publication** by Dr Werner Otto and Marise Mouton.

UJ Student and Alumni News



UJ alumnus, **Gift Somakwabe** won the “Young Internal Auditor of the Year” award at the Institute of Internal Auditors event called “2022 IIA SA Awards”. Gift also wrote her first book titled “I speak Zoe”, a book about overcoming one’s fears and believing in themselves.

Conferences

iCab Conference:

Saajidah Adam, Ingrid Baigrie and Kgabo Masehela

IPPADA Conference:

Lonah Mbhalati, Rachel Khoza, Nisi Thusi, Lethiwe Nzama and Boitumelo Kuzwayo, Caroline Matshika, Lesego Khumalo and Segopotje Malatji

IBC Conference:

Carley Chetty and Ingrid Baigrie

International Conferences:

Janet West, Lethiwe Nzama, Rachel Khoza and Julia Soobramoney

Township Studies Conference:

Ronel Rossouw

ICGA Conference:

Lonah Mbhalati and Rachel Khoza



Saajidah Adam



Ingrid Baigrie



Kgabo Masehela



Lonah Mbhalati



Rachel Khoza



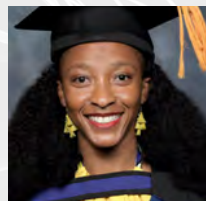
Nisi Thusi



3rd Year Diploma in Accountancy student and peer mentor **Zanele Ntombela** was selected to participate in a Summer Exchange programme hosted by the Washington Summer Institute at George Mason University in the USA from 2 July to 16 July 2022.



Lethiwe Nzama



Boitumelo Kuzwayo



Caroline Matshika



Lesego Khumalo



Carley Chetty



Janet West



Julia Soobramoney



Ronel Rossouw