

# Beating the odds

Nomfundo walked 10 kilometres to her school and back. Simon arrived in Stellenbosch with only R150 in his pocket. Lusani wants to become one of South Africa's first black actuaries and Donald is a top achiever in the Faculty of Health Sciences despite growing up under challenging conditions in a township near Kimberley.

These are the people who beat the odds and this year became the second group of recipients of the Rector's Award for Succeeding Against the Odds, 2005.

The Award gives recognition to students whose performances are outstanding relative to the context within which they have lived and worked. The awards can be as much as R50 000 and presents the recipients with the opportunity to develop their full academic potential.

This year's recipients are Nomfundo Jali, a master's degree student in African Languages, Ntozakhe Simon Cezula, a

fourth year theology student, Lusani Kingswell Mulaudzi, an honours student in actuarial sciences and Donald Simon a fourth year medical student.

Nomfundo started her doctoral studies in 2005 in the Department of African Language and hails from one of the poorest remote areas of the Eastern Cape. She works in the field of discourse analysis and text linguistics in isiXhosa. Specifically, her research contributes to the scientific base of effective reading and writing instruction in Curriculum 2005, thus potentially making a significant contribution to the field of language education for isiXhosa, and African languages more generally.

Simon, who this year turns forty, never lost touch with dream to obtain a degree. He ended up in Stellenbosch, with only R150 in his pocket with no accommodation, no guarantee of registration and knew only the name of one person in Stellenbosch. He however persisted with



Against the Odds Awards. From left to right are Lusani Malaudzi and the Rector and Vice-Chancellor, Prof Chris Brink. At the back are Simon Cezula and Donald Simon and in the front is Nomfundo Jali.

his studies under great difficulties and will graduate at the end of the year.

Lusani, an honours student in actuarial science, already achieved at school where he came 6th in his province. His dream is to become one of the first black students who will qualify as an actuary.

Donald Simon always had a longing to become a doctor and is today one of the top achievers in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

## Maties eer 5 met eregrade

Vyf uitstaande leiersfigure is tydens die afgelope twee gradeplegtighede deur die US met eredoktorsgrade vereer.

In Desember is die voorsitter van die Onafhanklike Verkiesingskommissie, dr Brigalia Bam, die Groep Uitvoerende Hoof van Murray & Roberts Bpk, mnr Cameron Bruce en die anti-apartheid aktivis en kampvegter vir sosiale geregtigheid, adv Bram Fischer (postuum) vereer. In April is die entrepreneur en voormalige hoof van die internasionale Bosal-groep, mnr Karel Bos (1928) en die musikus, begeleier en komponis, prof Pieter de Villiers, vereer.

Die graad DPhil, *honoris causa*, is aan dr Brigalia Ntombemhlophe Bam, voorsitter van die Onafhanklike Verkiesingskommissie, toegeken vir haar werk as maatskaplike werker en opvoedkundige wat haar lewe gewy het aan die bemagtiging van vroue, sowel as die vestiging van 'n internasionale ekumeniese gees, en vir haar onwrikbare toegewytheid as waaksame beskermer van ons jong demokrasie.

Die graad DIng, *honoris causa*, is aan mnr Brian Cameron Bruce, Groep Uitvoerende Hoof van Murray & Roberts Bpk, toegeken vir sy navolgenswaardige loopbaan in Siviele Ingenieurswese waartydens hy groot projekte bestuur het en 'n konstruksie maatskappy in 'n globale speler in die konstruksiebedryf omskep het, vir die besondere aard van sy leierskap aan

sy beroep en die bedryf, en die onbaatsugtige toewyding om sy tyd en kundigheid met die tersiêre onderwyssektor te deel.

Adv Bram Fischer (postuum), anti-apartheid aktivis en kampvegter vir sosiale geregtigheid, het die graad DPhil, *honoris causa*, (postuum) ontvang vir die groot vormende invloed wat hy selfs na sy dood op Suid-Afrika post 1994 gehad het voortspruitend uit die besondere aard van sy onverbidelike strewe vir geregtigheid en politieke gelykberegting in 'n tyd toe die meerderheid van sy eie mense daarvoor blind was. Sy dogter, me Ilse Fischer-Wilson het die graad namens hom ontvang.

Die Graad DComm, *honoris causa*, is aan mnr Karel Bos (1928) toegeken vir sy voortreflike bydrae tot en rol in die ekonomie en die vervaardigingsbedryf in Suid-Afrika, sowel as op internasionale vlak, en vir sy visionêre en inspirerende leierskap as entrepreneur.

Die Graad DMus, *honoris causa*, is aan prof Pieter de Villiers toegeken vir sy bydrae tot veral die toonsettings van bekende en gevierde Suid-Afrikaanse digters se werke en sy unieke bydrae tot die Afrikaanse kunslied- en koorrepertorium, asook die vestiging van Afrikaans as sangtaal.



Eregrade in Desember: Vlnr is prof Chris Brink, rektor en visekanselier; dr Brigalia Bam; mnr Brian Cameron Bruce; me Ilse Fischer-Wilson wat die eregraad namens haar pa, adv Bram Fischer ontvang het en prof Elize Botha, kanselier.



Eregrade in April: Vlnr is prof Elize Botha, kanselier; prof Pieter de Villier; mnr Karel Bos (1928) en prof Chris Brink, rektor en visekanselier.



André Howard, bekende sanger van Stellenbosch en lektor in die Departement Musiek, het gaste by 'n spesiale geleentheid getrakteer op van prof De Villiers se verwerings. Agter die klavier is prof De Villiers.

# Move to the music with



Radio has been described as a theatre of the mind, a powerful and emotional medium that brings out a person's innermost feelings. Radio can be a companion, a friend, an adviser, a shoulder to cry and even your conscience. So strong is the effect of radio and so deep is its reach that it has remained one of the strongest and longest lasting forms of media.

MFM 92.6 is based on the top floor of the Neelsie and has been in existence since the late 1970's. Originally Radio Matie, then Matie FM and now MFM 92.6, the station has grown from broadcasting only to the then Langenhoven Student Center, to a fully-fledged community radio station.

As a department of Stellenbosch University, MFM is privileged to be fully involved in this community, along with the broader youth community and ultimately the greater Stellenbosch community. With a current audience of 35 000 listeners, MFM has therefore evolved to a station catering predominantly for a youth audience and those young at heart. Focusing on the 16 to 28 year age bracket, MFM combines education, information and entertainment into a radio package that is much sought after and highly supported. Totally relevant and ahead of the times, MFM has found a place in many a heart, as a trusted and loved source of radio.

A dedicated and experienced team of five manages MFM.

As staff members of Stellenbosch University, Martin de Abreu, Steyn du Toit, Charlene Wicomb, Jacques Visagie and Richard Maspéro have combined radio experience of 25 years and are no strangers to the world of South African radio. Supporting them is a sub-management team of four and a salaried line-up of seven full-time presenters. These full-time presenters account for around 75% of MFM's total on-air product, with an important core of volunteers making up the rest. Voted as one of Stellenbosch's most diverse organizations, MFM is truly privileged to bring together a staff contingent that combines a myriad of personalities, ideas and experiences. Our staff combination provides the on-air experience that MFM has become so famous for.

MFM has managed to fuse a cross-genre music playlist, combining only the latest global and local hits and therefore providing the modern South African youth with a musical education that is unparalleled elsewhere. Coupled to great music is MFM's thirst for providing up-to-date information, interviews, competitions and news.

If you find yourself outside the boundaries of Stellenbosch and feel a little homesick, try MFM's audio streaming service. Log on to MFM's website, [www.mfm.co.za](http://www.mfm.co.za), click on the "listen" icon and find out what is happening back in the Bosch. Alternatively, mail [mfmworld@mfm.sun.ac.za](mailto:mfmworld@mfm.sun.ac.za) and subscribe to MFM's weekly newsletter. Join our world and taste the effect of MFM 92.6 - Move to the music!

## Martin de Abreu Station Manager



DA BIG BOSSES: Back: Jacques Visagie (Operations Manager), Martin de Abreu (Station Manager), Richard Maspéro (Human Resource Manager). Front: Steyn du Toit (Programme Manager), Charlene Wicomb (Admin & Finance Manager)



DA NOT SO BIG BOSSES: Back: Nantale Muwonge (Station Producer), Zimkitha Mpatheni (Community Coordinator). Front: Michael Bossenger (Music Compiler), Lynthon Jacobs (Sports Editor)



DA FULL-TIME PRESENTERS: Back: Reinhardt van Zyl (Out to Lunch, 12pm-3pm), Iain Wellmann (Outer Limits, 12am-3am), Eugene Mpatheni (Hitlist, 9pm-12pm), Richard Maspéro (Drive, 3pm-6pm). Front: Marika Malliaris (Morning After, 9am-12pm), Steyn du Toit (Breakfast, 6am-9am), Nantale Muwonge (Detour, 6pm-9pm)