



**MBCHB CLASS OF 2024**

Compliments of the New Year and it is my pleasure to extend a a very warm welcome to all our students and staff in the SCM. I hope your holidays have been refreshing and you are now ready for us to bring our heads together for a better and a more rewarding 2019.

If you have any innovative suggestions, constructive feedback about how we can improve or add value to our school, please feel free to email: [dlovan@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:dlovan@ukzn.ac.za)

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## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **• UKZN/DOH JHE AGREEMENT**

Further engagements are still taking place between the University and THE DOH. We have indeed covered a lot of ground in 2018.

### **• PROMOTION POLICY**

The Promotion's policy has been approved by Council. We are now waiting for the guidelines to be developed. We shall keep you apprised.

## POSITIVE NEWS

### • SELECTION OF MR KAPIL NARAIN FOR THE WHO CHANGE-MAKER SCHOLARSHIP!



'I am honoured to have been selected as a recipient of the Change-Maker Scholarship by WHO.

I am truly humbled and greatly appreciative of this opportunity to represent UKZN, SA and Africa at the World's highest health meeting where all 194 member states of the WHO will be present in Geneva May 2019.

The pre WHO and WHA is held from 15 - 28 May, in Geneva which is the location of WHO Headquarters. There were only 4 selected recipients internationally, and it was incredibly challenging as many accomplished people apply for this - so I am so fortunate and blessed to be selected'

### • LINDOKUHLE DLAMINI- AWARDED THE 2018 SAMA SCHOLARSHIP



Selected to spend his 1 month elective in Norway. His interest is in cardiology. Very encouraging to see medical students who show interest in research and specialisation earlier on in their careers. Lindo was awarded the 2018 SAMA scholarship to spend time in the cardiology department in Uganda.

He is a 6th yr leader who has been instrumental in establishing the "DeansMediLeaders". This is a group of young medical students spanning thru 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> year , who have dedicated their time to assist with mentorship of their junior colleagues, outreach projects, research and instilling leadership values to the medical students thru the concept of "one teaches another."

## GENERAL NEWS

- Registrar welcome function sponsored by Investec: Thanks to Dr Suvira Ramllal for organising this function, the date will be confirmed soon. It is compulsory for all registrars to attend and the HOD's should give permission to the registrars.
- Leadership workshop: for all HOD's, HCU- 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019
- Leadership workshop for MSRC and Class Reps: date to be confirmed
- Canteen: This will revamped this year.
- Research Hub: This is planned to make access to statisticians easy, assistance with protocol writing, grant application and general research support.

## CUBAN COLLABORATION 2019 PLANS

Dr Zungu will be meeting with the SCM to discuss the numbers for the 2019 cohort of students returning from Cuba. Discussions will include the relevant sites to be identified for the teaching of the students.

## POSTGRADUATE NEWS - PG INTAKE 2019

QUALIFICATION	TARGET	ACTUAL
MMED	600	184
MMED SCI	85	12
PHD	100	21

## • GRADUATION 2019

The deadline for capturing of degree complete for postgrad is 15th of March and for undergrad 08 March 2019.

## FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

- GYM: On track
- CANTEEN: Lease for current provider expired in Dec 2018. Student Services Development Company has instructed the attorney to start legal process for vacation of the property, thereafter advertisement will ensue. We are all looking forward to a revamped and face lift of our canteen.

## • CLEANING OF WINDOWS

The external cleaning of windows has been completed. A request has been submitted to CMS to do the internal windows too.

## • AIRCON

The aircon project is continuing with work being done on the 1st and 4th floor, the wing facing K-Rith

## HR VACANCIES

- HOD: Cardiology. Vacant due to retirement.
- HOD: Gastroenterology. Vacant due to retirement
- HOD: Neurology. Vacant due to retirement.
- HOD: Rheumatology. Vacant due to retirement.
- HOD: Radiotherapy & Oncology. Still vacant.
- Senior Admin Officer: Resource Administration. Resignation late last year – incumbent achieved promotion. Recruitment process underway.
- Assistant Admin Officer: Clinical Support – IALCH: JHE post therefore cannot fill whilst discussions are ongoing. Has been vacant for over a year due to retirement. CMC has approved the funding of a one-year fixed term contract, pending outcome of JHE discussions. Recruitment process underway.
- Assistant Admin Officer: Clinical Support – Surgery. JHE post therefore cannot fill whilst discussions are ongoing. Vacant since late last year. Funding constraints.
- Admin Officer: Clinical Support – Medicine. JHE post therefore cannot fill whilst discussions are ongoing. Vacant wef 1 March 2019. Funding constraints.

