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# NEWSLETTER



HELDERBERG  
COLLEGE

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### Staff Update:

#### New Chaplain Appointed:

Ps. Dumisani Bucwa, an alumnus of Helderberg, was appointed as the Chaplain from 1 September, 2013. He has over 20 years of experience as a minister of the gospel in the Cape Conference in various churches and as the Chaplain in the SDA school system, he brings with him a rich experience to this position. May God continue to use him in his vineyard as he starts a new chapter in his ministry.

### Staff Training

On 16 July 2013, Mrs Daryl Williams, managing partner of Ingeneum Consultants, facilitated the non-academic staff training on the theme "Building Excellence". The training culminated in building the "HBC Dream Castle" which incorporates our Vision, Mission and Values.

The staff training was attended by all office staff, managers and directors of academic and non-academic support services.

### Gifts & Donations to Helderberg College

Lyndon and Estee Barends donated two Panasonic Wide Plasma TV Screens as well as a Samsung Digital Sound Speaker System to the Men's Residence, Salisbury House. We are grateful for their kindness and generosity, this donation will certainly be enjoyed by many for years to come.

## Inauguration of the 28th President of Helderberg College

On July 31, 2013 the inauguration ceremony of Dr. Vincent Injety, the new president of Helderberg College, took place in Anderson Hall at 10.00 am. It was truly a gala occasion with many guests and also dignitaries from the South African Union Conference, the Chancellor, Dr. Letseli and local representatives. Promptly it started at 10.am, with the marching in of the staff and followed by the participants in the service. The whole service was well orchestrated, the special music was appropriate from two student groups and it all contributed to an enjoyable occasion.

The special speaker for the occasion was Dr. M. C. Nhlapo, from the Kwa-Zulu OFS conference and he spoke very well about the contributions that Private Colleges and Universities make to the Education of youth in South Africa. He mentioned that there are 61 registered private institutions in South Africa and Helderberg College is ranked among the top 7 for quality education!

The charge to Dr. Injety was given by the Education Director of the SAU - Dr. Gerald du Preez, himself a former president of the College. After signing his acceptance of the charge as the New President, he was asked to remove his Academic Regalia and he was given the new College regalia and then the Chancellor handed him the Mace of Authority. Dr. Injety then responded and spelled out his vision for the college and the support he needed to carry out the vision.

He is supported by his wife, Lynda Priscilla, who lectures in the faculty of Business and they have 2 children, Sahana and Steven. His message to the patrons, alumni and supporters of Helderberg College is to join him in building the wall - quoting from Nehemiah 4:6 "So we built the wall and the entire wall was joined together."

Working together he believes we can help build Helderberg College to reach a higher level.

Dr. David Birkenstock,  
Former President of  
Helderberg College



## Deans' List of Excellence (DLE)

Students qualify for the DLE when they have an average grade for the semester's normal load of no less than 75%, and no letter grade below "B".

### Faculty of Arts

Nadia de Villiers  
Deborah Julies  
Ambrose Martin  
Karabo Mokwa  
Karryn Robinson  
Naomi Sikamo  
Timothy Stuurman

### Faculty of Business

Emile Appollis  
Linda Kachoka  
Tamlyn Moonsamy  
Adriana Songa  
Philip Stevens  
Dhanak Suleman  
Ngonidzashe Tichiwansana

### Faculty of Theology

Arnold Alexander  
Ashwin Beaton  
Nhlanhla Buthelezi  
Ryan Damons  
Kristi de Bruin  
Hendrik de Winnaar  
Morne Furstenburg  
Jonathan Julies  
Sivuyile Kotela  
Brinton Laing  
Tataiso Mafora  
Surprise Mahlangu  
Tshepo Mathekga  
Andrew Moonsamy  
Mboneleli Mvulo  
Mphandle Nkosi  
Maxwell Nyoni  
Gabriel Oberholzer  
Marius Rossouw  
Nuvind Seenundun  
Michael Smit  
Sarel Smit  
Justin Strauss  
Francois van Tonder  
Henry van Wyk  
Werner van Wyk  
Robb Wesley  
Ivan Woodman

## 120 Years of Service to the Community (1893 - 2013)

Helderberg College was the first college established by the Seventh-day Adventist church outside of North America by missionaries, 120 years ago. The College has progressed and expanded considerably since its early years. Its main purpose is to promote the gospel through the Adventist philosophy of education. In the early days, the college focused on training young people to further the work in the fields of education and pastoral leadership in the Adventist church.

The institution had its origin in the suburb of Claremont near Cape Town, but was relocated soon after to Spion Kop, a rural area of the Kwazulu Natal province. However, the area was so rural that the students found it difficult to travel back and forth, and finally the church body decided to purchase the land on the beautiful slopes of the Helderberg Mountain renaming the institution 'Helderberg College'.

The College has during the last 120 years been under the directorship of twenty eight principals, rectors and presidents and although the officers may have changed over the years, the vision remains constant namely the preparing of young people for service to God and their community.

During recent years Helderberg College has been affiliated with its American sister institutions: Andrews University (1974-1997) and Southern Adventist University (1997-2002). These affiliations ceased when the college became fully accredited and began offering its own qualifications endorsed by the South African Department of Higher Education and the Council on Higher Education. The college also abides by the principles of the Adventist Accrediting Association (AAA).

Helderberg College serves a multi-national student body of around 300 students. The students may choose courses of study from the three faculties namely Arts, Business, and Theology. The degree and diploma programmes range from one to four years. The College offers a BA degree in (Psychology) BA (Communication), BA (Theology), BBA (Accounting) BBA (Management), diploma programmes in Accounting, Management, Marketing, Office Administration and Early Child Development.

In addition, the College has an English Language Institute (ELI) for international students whose native language is not English. Students hail from countries such as Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Columbia, Korea, China etc. In the past the college has had at any one time up to thirty eight different nationalities represented. This diversity is celebrated each year in September when South Africa highlights its cultural diversity.

We therefore encourage and invite one and all who have an interest in Helderberg College to participate in the 120 year celebrations which will be held on Thursday 5 December 2013. Please reply to the president@hbc.ac.za for more information.

- Stafford Bomester

## Week of Prayer

The Week In Spiritual Emphasis (WISE) was held from 18 - 24 August. Ps. J. Netshifulani was the speaker for the WISE. He serves as the Director of ADRA at SAU and comes with a wide experience having served as a pastor, youth director and front-line evangelist in TOC.

There were daily services at 10:00 and 18:45 for all staff and students. His messages addressed the spiritual needs of the young people and the Helderberg community was blessed with the profound Biblical truths that were presented in a lucid manner with practical application. Both staff and students participated in the morning and evening devotions.



## Faculty Colloquium

The faculty colloquium took place from 16 – 18 July, 2013. Interactive and engaging presentations were made by Dr Malcolm Coulson and Ms Nicolene Murdoch. Dr Malcolm Coulson is the former vice president for Teaching and Learning at Avondale College, Australia and Ms Nicolene Murdoch is the Executive Director: Teaching, Learning and Quality at Monash South Africa Campus.

On the first day, Dr Coulson presented the topic *Raising Instructional Outcomes: Why and How?* This presentation contextualised the pursuit of quality within a developmental education strategy, providing the framework for subsequent presentations which combine theory, pragmatic realities and contemporary research. His following presentation was on *Perspectives and Principles of Effective and Engaging Learning in Higher Education*.

He presented on the predominant learning theories which have stood the test of time and are relevant to higher education for both a traditional and digital future. It was followed by another interesting presentation on *The Changing Nature of Learners and the HE Teaching-Learning Context*. He described the ‘millennials’, learning in the digital era – examples of new approaches to learning, application to study, qualification, employment, authentic learning and alignment to real world situations. His final presentation was on *Blended Learning Designs – e-Learning, e-Assessment*. He demonstrated the approaches of transferring from teacher-centred learning to the creating of new knowledge including traditional and technology-enabled learning outcomes.

Ms Murdoch’s presentation encompassed *Teaching and Learning Strategy Development*. A teaching and learning strategy consists of a number of elements which filter down and are implemented throughout institutions which focuses on the improvement of the quality of programmes. She also presented the *Conceptual Shift in Teaching and Learning*, which dealt with what should be contained in a Teaching and Learning strategy.

The faculty colloquium was attended by all the lecturers and senior academic staff.

## Farewell

Helderberg College community bade farewell to two staff members during the month of July, namely Wilhelmina Martin and Stafford Bomester.

Mrs. Martin served Helderberg College for seven years as the Human Resources Director. The Human Resources department was established in 2007. She was instrumental in establishing the framework, policies and procedures for the department. We wish her God’s blessings in her endeavours as she continues serving the Lord in His vineyard.

Mr. Bomester came to Helderberg College as the Marketing Co-ordinator five years ago, and accepted the position of Development Co-ordinator during his last five months. He is an alumnus of Helderberg College, and added his contribution not only to his department but to the College as a whole. Our prayers go with him as he starts a new chapter in his life.

## Upcoming Events:

### VOP Week of Prayer:

20-26 October

### Master Guide Investiture:

18th and 19th October, 18:00 and 09:00 respectively

### Academic DP:

04 November

### Financial DP:

03 October

### Exams:

11-27 November

### Graduation:

06-08 December

### 120th Anniversary Celebration:

05 December

## Friends of Helderberg College

We would like to establish the “Friends of Helderberg College Association” with the following objectives:

- to provide a platform for like-minded SDAs who have an interest in the College and who support Christian Education;
- to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and the dissemination of information which will contribute to the development of the college;
- to facilitate communication and collaborate with other appropriate bodies and organisations who would like to be involved in the development of the college;
- to build relationships with new people, and fellowship as friends of Helderberg.

Should you, as an individual or organisation, be interested in becoming a member of the “Friends of Helderberg College”, please send your contact details to:

president@hbc.ac.za.

## Helderberg College Staff Author Books

**Title of the book:** “111 Tips for Managing your money”

**Author:** Gelyn Musvosvi, the Dean of Faculty of Business

**Theme of the book:** Money is a scarce commodity and hence there is need for skills on how to manage it. For those that do not have it this book guides you on how to obtain it! Written from a Christian perspective, this book is also written in a reader- friendly style. There is a wide variety of tips on managing money so that all readers can benefit from it.

**Title of the book:** “111 Tips for Student Success”

**Author:** Conrad Zygmont, Associate Professor of Psychology

**Theme of the book:** The book presents 111 tips, based on the author’s research and experience as a lecturer and student. These tips highlight points that will assist students attain success in their studies. It aims to provide theoretical insight and practical tools that enable students to get the most out of their academic experience, encompassing cognitive, emotional, physical, social and spiritual development. By following the guidance provided in this book, students can reach their potential and effectively develop the skills and knowledge required for use in their occupation and the society they find themselves in.

The administration, staff and students congratulate these two faculty members for their accomplishment.

## Adventist Youth Groups Visit Helderberg College

The ‘Impact Youth SA’ was held in Pretoria in the month of June 2013. This General Conference Youth Convention was an opportunity for many youth groups to have exposure to South Africa. We were fortunate to have 163 visitors from California, Germany, Sydney, Argentina, Uganda and Brazil visiting our campus. Their visit was a blessing to those who interacted with them.



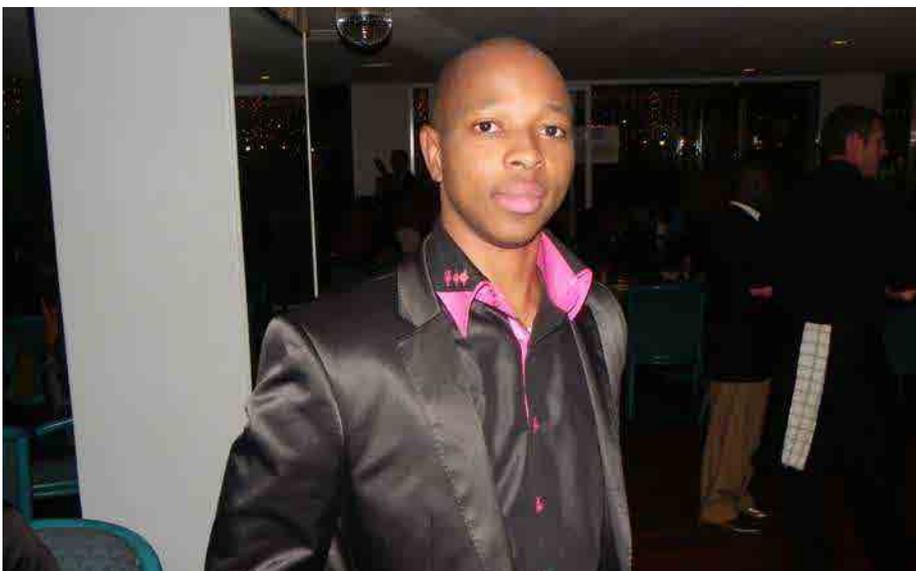
## My Story

I am a fourth year student at Helderberg College. Since I joined Helderberg College I have been raising my fees by working at the gate as a security for the campus; working at the cafeteria, as well as in the marketing department office. I do not remember having paid my fees from any other source. I would remain behind and work throughout the semester breaks and long holidays to accumulate money for the next semester.

At the end of the 2013 first semester, I was owing 20 000 to the College. This meant that during the semester break I should raise R35 000 which includes the R15 000 for the second semester fees. The Lord was with me. I met an elderly person, a mother, who introduced to me to the product, ELECTRIC WARM WATER BOTTLE. She was generous to give me a big box with twenty units in it to sell since I had no money to invest. I then used the entire amount of R2000 to get new stock. One week before the opening of the second semester I took three boxes to Cape Town. I knew that it is cold in Cape Town during winter. A long winter this year gave me an opportunity keep selling the product. I sold the sixty units from the three boxes for R6000. Again without touching any of the money that I had gained, I bought more stock.

When I learned of the AWM Women's Retreat at Mossel Bay, 400 kilometres away from Cape Town, I thought of selling the water bottles there. I organised to travel to Mossel Bay with ten boxes (200 units) to sell. One by one I sold the 200 units for R20 000. The blessings of God was so sufficient that by selling the water bottles I managed to pay the R20 000 that I owed. I am a registered student now, and I still owe a little portion of the fees to be paid before this semester ends.

I thank the mother who took interest and sacrificed to pay for the first box of the product. By the strength from God I was able to sell & restock repeatedly until I made it to R20 000. All along I disciplined myself not to take a single Rand for my personal needs or enjoy the money that I was getting from selling the bottles. I kept every Rand for my fees. I thank God for making it possible for me to be registered. Never give up, the Lord will help.



Khayaletu Myeza, Theology Student

## Write Your Story For the Newsletter

Over the many years lives have been impacted and affected by the service, education and challenges on this wonderful campus. Alumni and friends are encouraged to share their experiences and highlights during their stay here at Helderberg College. Please include your name and the years you attended Helderberg.

These experiences should be limited to a maximum of 300 words. We encourage you to submit photographs, identifying the individuals on the photo as well as a caption of the event. Pseudonyms may be used.

Each story will be selected by an editorial panel.

Email: [alumni@hbc.ac.za](mailto:alumni@hbc.ac.za)

Subject: My Story

## Graduating Class Officers

The Graduation Class of 2013 elected the following as the class sponsors and officers:

### Class Sponsors:

Mrs C Odendaal  
Mrs G Musvosvi

### President:

Justin Strauss

### Vice-President:

Lerato Makombe

### Secretary:

Nuvind Seenundun

### Treasurer:

Marcio Pedro

### Pastor:

Sam Gertse