

Newsletter

Faculty of Management Sciences | Hotel School



EDITOR'S NOTE

This issue is filled with articles on the numerous activities and achievements of the Hotel School during the third term of 2018. The term started on a high note, when the Hotel School held its Open Day for Grade 10 to 11 learners. In addition, our Hospitality Management students who are completing work-integrated learning (WIL) at top establishments across the country eagerly shared their experiences. Congratulations to all our graduates, who are starting a career in the hospitality industry. Finally, a big thank you to every staff member and student for their time and dedication to the Hotel School's activities.

Dr Dalene Cronther

Acting Head of Department (HoD):
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HOTEL SCHOOL OPEN DAY

The CUT Hotel School hosted its first Open Day on 4 August 2018. Learners from various schools in the Free State and surrounding areas, as well as the general public, were invited to the event via local media outlets. The Hotel School welcomed more than 350 learners, teachers and parents to this showcasing event. The Open Day served as a marketing exercise to attract high-quality students for future studies at the Hotel School. Learners from Bloemfontein and Thaba 'Nchu, and as far as Kimberley and Kathu, attended the event.

The morning comprised a guided tour through the school and its facilities, with information sessions on the course's subject contents; the time that will be spent in industry to complete WIL; and the various job opportunities that would be available upon successful completion of the course. The groups of learners were also exposed to the Hotel School's two restaurants and its kitchen environments, and were provided with examples of high tea and buffet setups.

Learners then had the opportunity to express their own creativity in a cupcake decorating competition, facilitated by the schools' Senior Chef, Janice Solomons. A further highlight of the morning was when learners concluded their tour by spending time with current Hotel School students to learn more about student life at CUT, whilst teachers and parents enjoyed a cup of coffee with the Hotel School staff, during which any further questions were answered.

"Appreciation to all staff and students of the Hotel School for hosting a very successful Open Day on Saturday! It is this type of commitment that differentiates you between good and great", said Prof. Albert Strydom, Dean: Faculty of Management Sciences.



Teboho Sefako and Kelebogile Lebone from Castle Bridge High School after decorating a cupcake.



Relebohile Jordaan, Mbali van Schalkwyk, Kamohelo Mokoena and Queen Khoabane from Petunia Secondary School.



Pictured left are Karabo Lebona (a second-year Hospitality Management student), Ciske van Niekerk (a BTech Hospitality Management student) and Mr Marius Burger (Lecturer: Hospitality Management) with learners from Reamohetse Secondary School in Thaba 'Nchu and Fichardt Park High School.

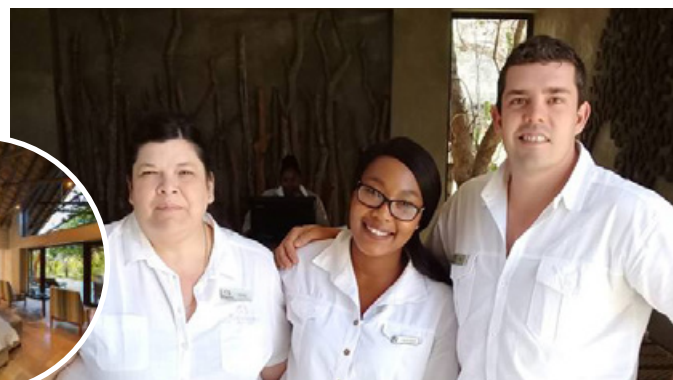


Hospitality Management students Bonolo Sehlego, Gift Nthebo and Juanita Kriel and Chef Janice Solomons with Molefe Zanyiwe and Ntabiseng Maleke.

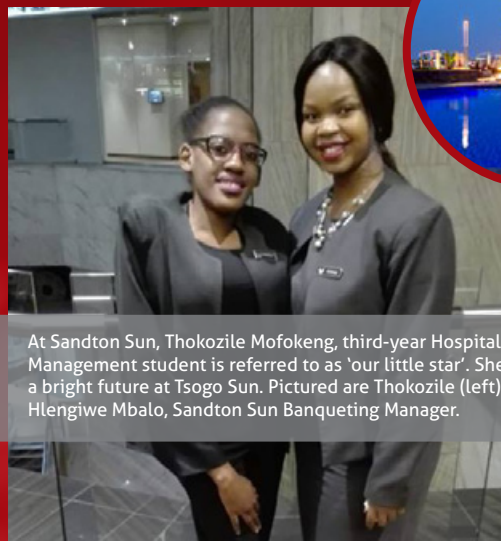
EXPERIENCE THE WORLD OF HOSPITALITY

In their second and third-year, Hospitality Management students are placed for experiential learning at a number of national hotels and resorts. Whilst on training students are exposed to different aspect of the industry, including Events Management, Financial Operations, Accommodation Services and Duty Management.

During August 2018, lecturers, Mr Jacques Ras and Ms Judith Mavuso visited our third-year Hospitality Management students and received only positive feedback on the progress of the students. Students were eager to share their experiences at these top prestigious establishments, amongst other, Cabana Beach Resort Umhlanga rated 16th of the TripAdvisor Traveller's Choice Awards' top 25 hotels in South Africa. The Hotel School has a long standing relationship with most of the hotels and our students are still preferred above most other hotel schools.



Fumane Leketa, third-year Hospitality Management student is seen as an employee at Kapama Southern Camp and not a student. She is a mature young lady entrusted with more responsibility than expected from a student. Fumane delights guests with her friendly personality. Pictured are Hanlie Roberts, Lodge Manager, Fumane and Zjak Van Schalkwyk, Assistant Manager.



At Sandton Sun, Thokozile Mofokeng, third-year Hospitality Management student is referred to as 'our little star'. She has a bright future at Tsogo Sun. Pictured are Thokozile (left) and Hlengiwe Mbalo, Sandton Sun Banqueting Manager.

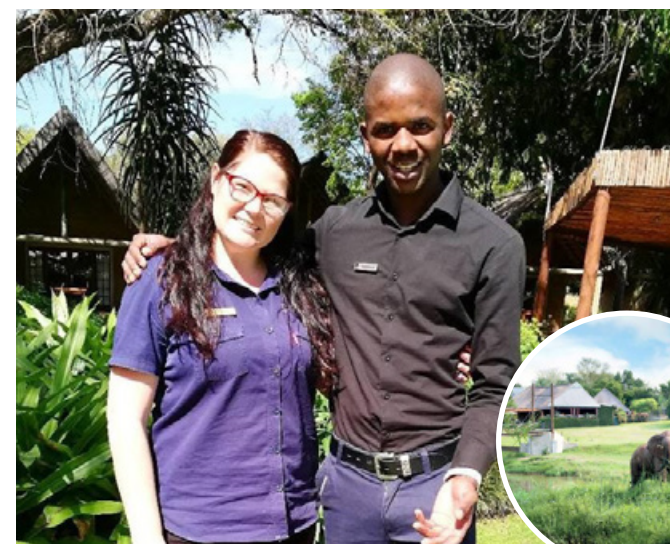
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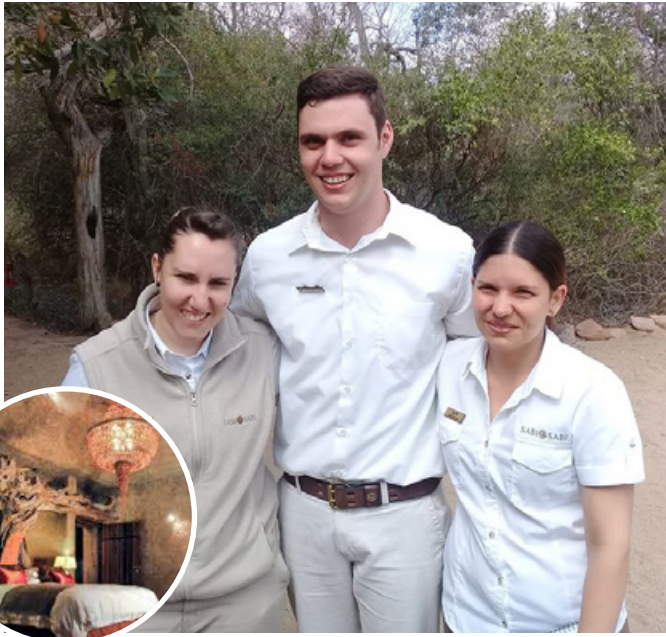
Third-year Hospitality Management student, Dikeledi Moremi is exceeding all expectations and is functioning currently as the Banqueting Manager at Saxon Hotel Villas & Spa. With Dikeledi is alumnus, Gustav Pieterse, presently Operations Manager at the Saxon.



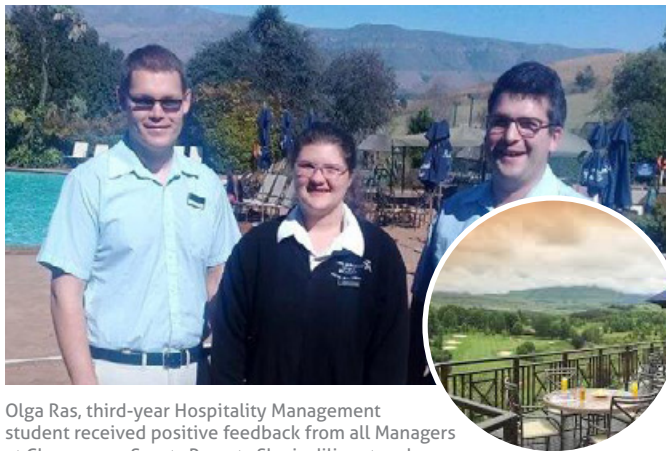
Third-year Hospitality Management student, Felicia Solomons is a vibrant and energetic young lady who interacts with guests easily. She is well liked by management and they have their eye on her for a permanent position. Pictured with Felicia (right) is Kinty Tshuketana and Adolph Khoza at Kapama River Lodge rated 3rd of the TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Awards' top 25 hotels in South Africa.



Amu Halata, third-year Hospitality Management student is a young man that takes his duties seriously - always going the extra mile. With Amu is Illandra Malan Human Resources Manager at Hippo Hollow.



At Sabi Sabi Earth Lodge, Willa Greyling, third-year Hospitality Management student is such a joy to work with. He is a fast learner and have excellent people skills. Pictured with Willa (center) is Alta Du Toit and Maryke Nel.



Olga Ras, third-year Hospitality Management student received positive feedback from all Managers at Champagne Sports Resort. She is diligent and conscientious in her work. Pictured with Olga (center) is Niel Brits and Ludik Jordaan both alumni of the Hotel School.



Third-year Hospitality Management student, Anadia Pienaar is seen as the brightest and most enthusiastic student at Sabi Sabi Bush Lodge in a long time. Her passion for the lodge and wildlife is evident in her interaction with the guests. After completing her training, there is a career opportunity for Anadia at Bush Lodge. Pictured are Nikita Lumb, Front Office Manager, Anadia and Lauren Wyndham, Lodge Manager.

TRAINING ABROAD

Confidence Jonas was fortunate enough to receive the opportunity to complete her 12-month internship at the Boardmoor Hotel in the United States of America (USA). She started her training in March 2018, and enjoys every aspect thereof, including culinary training, attending classes, and interacting with guests. *"It is an honour for me to be working at the Boardmoor"*, says Confidence.



Pictured above are Confidence (in the middle), flanked by Chef Tia Ellen and her colleagues at the Boardmoor Hotel.



GRADUATION CELEBRATION

Congratulations to Dalene Crowther, who was awarded the Doctoral Degree in Business Administration at the Spring Graduation Ceremony on 7 September 2018. The title of her dissertation was *"Formulation of a sustainable financial management strategy for South African universities' hotel schools"*. Prof. Albert Strydom made a valuable contribution to Dr Crowther's success in his capacity as study leader. Dalene, you do us proud!

Furthermore, a total of eight students from the Faculty of Management Sciences graduated with the National Diploma: Hospitality Management. Hotel School staff had the opportunity to wish them all of the best for their careers in the hospitality industry at a function held at One on Park Restaurant.



Pictured above, from left to right, are graduates Aphiwe Ngovela, Yvonne Majoro, Keneilwe Mogorosi, Dr Dalene Crowther (Acting Head of Department: Hotel School), and Sebatatso Mojoro.

DOCTORANDI DINNER

The CUT Doctorandi Dinner, hosted by the Hotel School, was held after the Spring Graduation Ceremony on 7 September 2018. The Hotel School Atrium was set up beautifully, and guests were treated to a three-course meal, which was prepared by our students. The dinner, which was attended by approximately 100 guests, always provides Hospitality Management students with a great opportunity to showcase their impressive service and culinary skills.



Pictured left are Juanita Kriel (Student Assistant) and Chef Janice Solomons preparing for the Doctorandi Dinner.

"I want to use this opportunity to congratulate the Hotel School with the offering of an excellent Doctorandi Dinner!", said Prof. Albert Strydom, Dean: Faculty of Management Sciences.

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SCHOOL VISIT

The Hotel School hosted Grade 10 and 11 learners from the Redikaeletse Secondary School in Koffiefontein on 11 September 2018. Hospitality Management lecturers explained the food and beverage, kitchen perspectives, and WIL components of the course. The guests were also taken on a tour of the school and the Lettuce Eat Restaurant, where they received a short lesson in table setting. *"Thank you very much, it was a great experience indeed."* – Franklin Lenyatsa (Youth Development Officer: Letsemeng Local Municipality)



Pictured left are Mr Serwalo, Educator: Reikaeletse Secondary School, and Mr Lenyatsa, Youth Development Officer: Letsemeng Local Municipality, with learners from Reikaeletse School.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Ms Pienkie Ramoane sadly passed away on 30 August 2018. Pienkie registered for her BTech in Hospitality Management in 2018, however due to illness, had to cancel her studies. She was popular amongst classmates, and she will surely be missed by all. May her soul rest in peace!



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