



Faculty of Management Sciences | Hotel School

Newsletter

2019 | Edition 3

IN THIS EDITION

2

Message from the Editor

2

Remembering the past

3

Food and Beer Affair

3

First-aid training

3

Well done!

4-5

Preparing for the industry



Message from the editor

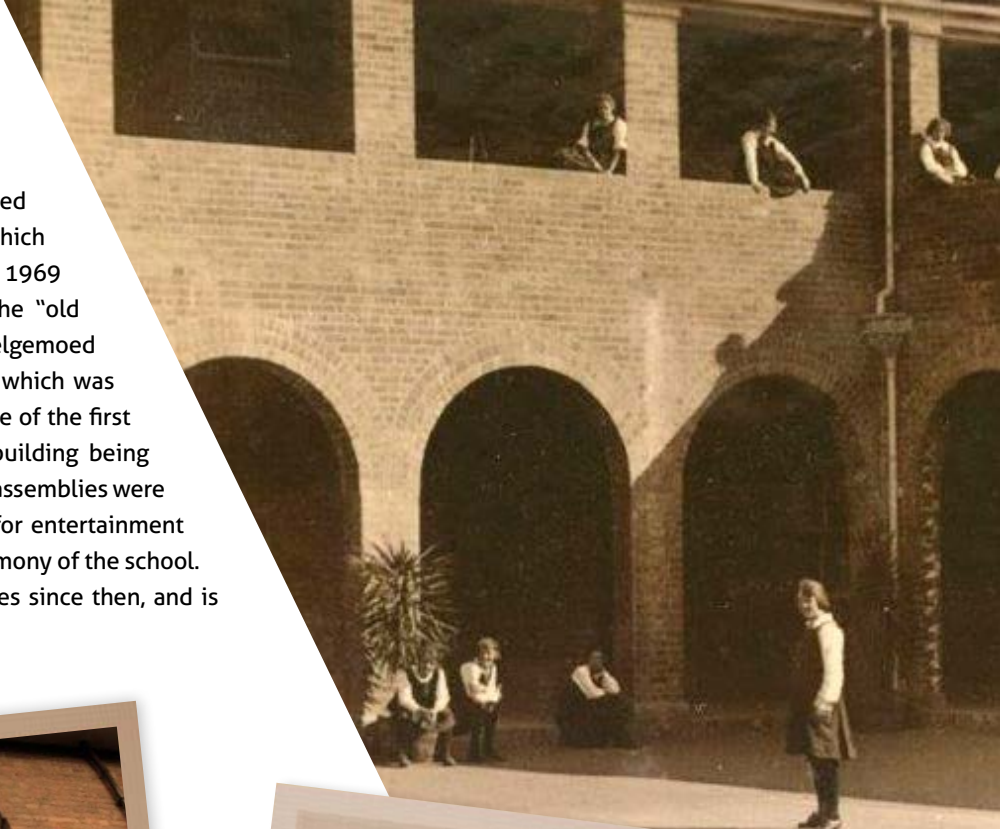
This issue of our newsletter highlights our activities for the third term of 2019. The annual Food and Beer Affair was very entertaining, and enjoyed by guests from the CUT community and stakeholders. We would like to extend a warm word of gratitude to all staff and students who contributed to the success of this major event. Our lecturers also visited students on work-integrated learning (WIL), and received positive feedback from the hotels and resorts, where students shared their experiences.

Dr Dalene Crowther

Acting Head of Department (HoD):
Hotel School

REMEMBERING THE PAST

Former Eunice High School girls visited the old historical Eunice Building, which is currently the CUT Hotel School. The 1969 matriculants shared their memories of the "old school building". They also visited Huis Welgemoed (previously known as the "Irene House"), which was built in 1918. Eunice High School was one of the first high schools in Bloemfontein, with the building being constructed in 1912. In the past, morning assemblies were held in the Atrium, which was also used for entertainment purposes and the annual prize-giving ceremony of the school. This building has witnessed many activities since then, and is well-known to Bloemfontein residents.





FOOD AND BEER AFFAIR

The Hotel School and the Centre for Applied Food Security and Biotechnology (CAFSaB) hosted the annual Beer and Food Affair on 22 August 2019. The 280 guests enjoyed five CUT craft beers, paired with a five-course dinner prepared by Hospitality Management students. The dinner was an excellent dining experience for all guests, who engaged with each other and enjoyed the hospitality of CUT. As an institute of higher education, the Hotel School provides a platform for its Hospitality Management students to showcase their food and beverage, and culinary skills.

This year, the annual Food and Beer Affair had a very informal and relaxed atmosphere. It coincided with the 2019 Intersarsity Beer Competition, which was hosted at the Hotel School from 23 to 24 August 2019. The event brought members from approximately 26 universities to the Bloemfontein campus, and was a major success. According to the judges, this will become an annual event at the school.

I would like to, once again, congratulate the staff and students with last night's Beer and Food Affair! You carried the Faculty of Management Sciences and CUT's flag very high amongst internal and also many external stakeholders. I can only confirm the sentiments of Prof. Henk de Jager and Dr Gary Paul that you are indeed the flagship of CUT.

Prof. Albert Strydom, Dean: Faculty of Management Sciences



FIRST-AID TRAINING

First-year Hospitality Management students attended a two-day first-aid training course, facilitated by St John, in June 2019. The training forms part of the Hospitality Management curriculum, and covered topics such as casualty management, adult resuscitation, and wound care. St John courses are based on performance outcomes and well-defined training standards.



First-year students Minicha Borlinghaus and Lizeel Graham demonstrating their skills by folding triangular bandages.

WELL DONE!

A total of 13 students graduated with the National Diploma: Hospitality Management at the Spring Graduation Ceremony. A big congratulations to all of you! You worked hard, and deserve to celebrate. May the road ahead be filled with success and happiness for you.



PREPARING FOR THE INDUSTRY

Work-integrated Learning forms part of the curriculum for Hospitality Management students. Students receive six months' training at top establishments across the country, amongst others the Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel, rated 6th of the TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Awards' top 25 hotels in South Africa.



Michael Matsekane placed at Motswari Private Game Reserve, is a fantastic individual; has a good eye for detail; and already portrays great skills at his young age. Pictured are Michael and Sharon Claassen (Front Office Manager).



Jomaré Piek, placed at Bush Lodge Sabi-Sabi, is living her dream and passion. She fits well into the game lodge industry. Pictured with Jomaré is Lawrence Mkansi (Food and Beverage Manager).



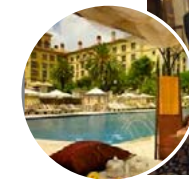
Karabelo Letanta shows great potential. She is enthusiastic, and fits in well with the Saxon Hotel, Villas and Spa's corporate culture. Featured in the picture with Karabelo is Hesté Viljoen (Human Resource Manager). The hotel is rated 8th of the TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Awards' top 25 hotels in South Africa.



Pictured (from left to right) is Yolandi Petronio (Assistant General Manager) and Thato Radihlare, placed at Melrose Arch Fire & Ice. She is always willing to learn, and goes the extra mile without fail. She is a great asset, and adds value to the hotel.



Caitlin Fredericks is a hard worker, loyal, and enjoys what she does. She is very helpful, and always willing to assist in all the departments at the Sabi Earth Lodge. Pictured (from left to right) are Alta du Toit (Lodge Manager) and Caitlin.



Innocentia Mokhotu is very good at guest relations, and enjoys working with finances at the Montecasino Palazzo, rated 21st of the TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Awards' top 25 hotels in South Africa. Pictured are (from left to right) Innocentia and Felicity Vanqa (Housekeeping Supervisor).





Nthabeleng van Rooy is not regarded as a student at the Sandton Sun, but as a fully participating employee. She is very professional when interacting with guests, and are well liked by fellow employees. Pictured (from left to right) are Nthabeleng and Kagiso Mokone (Housekeeping Supervisor).



Masego Shasha, placed at Umhlanga Sands, is well prepared for the working environment; has a great attitude; and is always punctual. Pictured (from left to right) are Franco Seaman (Assistant General Manager), Masego and Meresh Sukdeo (Front Office Manager).



Lentswe Kitso is a professional student, trustworthy and dependable. He plays a very big role in the day-to-day operations at Kapama River Lodge, rated 3rd of the TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Awards' top 25 hotels in South Africa. Pictured is Michael and Mandy Clouston (Lodge Manager).



Katleho Mokoaledi is always bubbly, and easy to work with. She is a team player who always wants to learn and assist at the Montecasino Palazzo, rated 21st of the TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Awards' top 25 hotels in South Africa. Pictured (from left to right) are Basani Mathlevuca (Housekeeping Manager) and Katleho.

Enquiries:

Dr D Crowther | Acting HoD: Hotel School
Faculty of Management Sciences
Tel: +27 51507 3234 | Fax: +27 51507 3293
E-mail crowther@cut.ac.za

Facebook: Hotel School CUT
Central University of Technology, Free State (CUT)
Private Bag X20539, Bloemfontein, 9300, South Africa
1 Park Road, Bloemfontein, South Africa, 9301
www.cut.ac.za | Thinking Beyond

