

FACULTY NEWS

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YOUNG, GIFTED ... AND BACK!

It is not uncommon to hear people lament the exodus of African minds to institutions overseas. Access to more funding, advanced technologies and prestige are some of the reasons young scientists and academics leave their home countries. However, many are choosing to return from studies abroad, bringing with them a wealth of skills, ideas and energy to contribute to the generation of African solutions and capacity building within the continent. [Read more](#)

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Excellence



UCT Head and Neck Surgery: working ahead in Africa and beyond
The UCT Head and Neck Fellowship programme celebrates its 10th year.



Highest accolade honours genetic giant
SA Medical Journal publishes Festschrift for Beighton



African paediatric fellowship bears fruit
Paediatric Nursing Development graduate becomes a beacon of change

CONGRATULATIONS

- Nursing and Midwifery masters student **Bupe Mwamba** recently received the Bonnie Westenberg Pedersen International Midwife Award, given in memory of Bonnie Pedersen CNM to enable an outstanding international midwife.
- Professor Robin Wood, Professor Crick Lund, Dr Tolu Oni, Dr Jonathan Peter, Dr Sudesh Sivarasu and Strait Access Technologies** headed by **Professor Peter Zilla** were recently chosen as finalists for the 2015/2016 NTSF Awards.
- Professor Karen Silwa** was recently elected the World Heart Federation's President-Elect, at the organisation's recent General Assembly, making her the first woman and African to hold the position.
- Professor Lee Wallis** was recently elected the new president of the International Federation for Emergency Medicine (IFEM) in an historic first for Africa.

PhD spotlight - two graduates share their journey



The journey is the destination



Long walk from Limpopo

Impact



FHS Language Festival A home for all through language - FHS Language Festival fosters inclusiveness & respect



FHS Language Festival Writing Skills in FHS for students and staff launched



FHS Language Festival Fun and solution-orientated activities conclude month-long Language Festival