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## UIGC hosts Autumn Graduation Week gala dinner



Thovhele Mbangiseni Masia & Prof Bernard Nthambeleni engage ahead of Thursday's gala dinner.



Prof Bernard Nthambeleni addresses the audience.

Nothing could curb the excitement that prevailed on the campus of the University of Venda (UNIVEN) last week, when scores of jubilant students returned to their alma mater for the 2024 Autumn Graduation Week. Colourful scenes erupted as tomorrow's leaders paused to receive the scrolls symbolising the keys to a bright future.

As the week drew to a close, UIGC hosted the Vice-Chancellor of UNIVEN, Prof Bernard Nthambeleni and his guests to a prestigious gala dinner in Thohoyandou last Thursday. A member of Parliament, Mr Joe Maswanganyi was among a record 38 PhD graduands expected to ascend the stage the following morning.

UIGC's CEO, Dr John Mudau welcomed guests to the event, whereupon UIGC's Board Chairperson, Thovhele Mbangiseni Masia, took to the stage with remarks that reflected on the growth of the company and the intention to steer UIGC towards being a sustainable and progressive entity to be reckoned with. He called on all to take pride in the work of UIGC and its development. Thovhele Masia extended gratitude to the shareholder for the support and guidance provided.

In his address, Prof Nthambeleni shared a vision for an efficient and relevant institution of higher learning and expressed pride in the staff and students produced at UNIVEN.

He stressed the need for linking research, innovation and technological advancement to economic growth. He thanked UIGC's Board for hosting the event and pledged support to the company, emphasising that a stronger UIGC meant a stronger UNIVEN.

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UIGC CEO, Dr John Mudau welcomes guests to the event.

## UIGC Connect upgrades system for improved experience

UIGC Connect is upgrading its system due to a growing demand for connectivity at off-campus residences around Thohoyandou that is linked to an increase in such facilities.

Mushrooming of off-campus residences has seen double the number of sites connected to the network in comparison to when the service was initially introduced two years ago.

The upgrade of the back haul and access network is expected to ensure an improved user experience for the 6 000 students of 87 off-campus residences having access to the network. Infrastructure installation at 14 new off-campus residences was completed this week, with the final upgrade of the access network at the sites expected to be done by mid-June. UIGC Connect simultaneously conducts CCTV monitoring at the off-campus residences, resulting in UNIVEN being the only university in the country providing this service to students.

In terms of connectivity at off-campus residences, the furthest is located at Mubashi at 17,8 km away from the control room.

In the opposite direction, the furthest point of connectivity through the network is around Nandoni Dam, which is 10,7 km from the control room.

In addition, UIGC Connect provides fibre-to-home connectivity to over 5 000 households around Thohoyandou and Shayandima.



## UCE meets with PSETA on MoU signing

Executives of UNIVEN Continuing Education (UCE) recently met with representatives of the Public Service Education and Training Authority (PSETA) in Gauteng to discuss a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to be signed with UNIVEN.

The MoU is aimed at fostering cooperation and collaboration between UNIVEN and

PSETA, an entity within the ambit of the Department of Higher Education and Training,

The intended establishment of a partnership between the university and PSETA is expected to result in collaboration and partnering in building skills capabilities within the public service.



## UCE calls for enrolment in series of empowering short courses

UCE Short Courses Title	U/S ID	Duration	Price
1.Tractor driving and maintenance.	116620/14568	5 Days	R 5 500
2.Hydroponic Short Course	116072/116314	4 Days	R3 000
3.Introduction to layer management	119404	2 weeks	R6 500
4.Finance management for non-financial managers.	252040	3 months	R12 000
5.Advance short learning Programme in Computer skills.	113836	5 days	R9 500
6.ISO 45001-OHS understanding and implementation.	244283	5 days	R16 000
7.ISO 9001-QMS understanding and implementation.	263376	5 days	R16 000
8.Ward Committee governance	123436/242894/119517	8 months	R10 500
9.Project Management.	116218	8 weeks	R7 500
10.Basic goat production	116074	3 days	R 5000
11.Basic Plant Production	116115	3 days	R 5000
12.Poultry Production	119442	3 days	R 5000
13.Basic First Aid in workplace	116534/116497	2 days	R 3000
14.Geographical Information System	258657	5 days	R 7000
15.Basic Fire fighting	12484/13679	1 day	R 1000

UCE recently facilitated entrepreneurship training to lecturers attached to UNIVEN’s Law School.

The training was conducted by Dr Robert Martins, Deputy-Vice Chancellor of Corporate Services at UNIVEN.

In the meantime UCE is preparing to conduct its next series of short courses open to all interest-

ed parties and community members. Farmers, entrepreneurs businesspersons and students from other institutions of higher learning are called on to enrol for the courses.

The respective courses run from 3 June until 28 June.

The contact person is Mr Maurice Mudau. He can be mailed on [tshifularo.mudau@univen.ac.za](mailto:tshifularo.mudau@univen.ac.za)

## U.Travel connects with young community leaders keen on bursary

Through its participation in a recent UNIVEN’s International Relations Department awareness drive about a call by the Abe Bailey Trust for applications for its travel bursary for community leaders U.Travel engaged third-year students and junior lecturers on requirements for international and domestic travel.

U.Travel Manager Dimakatso Ramolefe enlightened the

audience on documentation requested for the itinerary awaiting the successful applicant. U.Travel will be assisting with visa, flight and accommodation bookings for Cape Town, Britain and Scotland.

On the same occasion, UIGC officials shared more information about activities of and services offered by the company with visitors to its outdoor exhibition.





## Team UIGC tees off for charitable cause

UIGC teed off for a good cause when the CEO, Dr John Mudau, and his team participated in the Collins Chabane Foundation memorial golf day at Koro Creek Bushveld Golf Estate in Modimolle last month.

Through their participation in the annual event, entities and golfers honoured the name of the late son of the soil. Along-

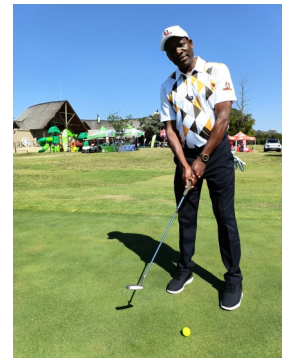
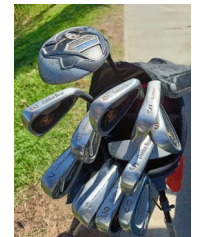
side industry players, UIGC simultaneously contributed to a worthy cause through its Corporate Social Investment (CSI) reach.

At UIGC's exhibition at the ninth hole company representatives created awareness about the company and its entities, its activities and service offering.

During the gala dinner under

the stars upon conclusion of the day's play, Dr Mudau received the prize for longest drive in the C-Division of the tournament.

In March this year the same venue reportedly hosted the largest amateur golfing tournament in the world, the Nomads Nationals that apparently resulted in 1 460 rounds of golf having been played by international and local participants over six days.





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