



TRUST NEWS

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Please let the Trust have your e-mail address

The UKZN UK Trust is calling on alumni in the UK please to provide their e-mail addresses if they have not already done so through the Alumnus Association. This will allow the Trust's newsletter to be e-mailed out, saving mailing costs.



The previous issue of the newsletter highlighted the significant escalation in the costs of posting out the newsletter, particularly as a result of the latest big increase in the price of stamps. The feedback received from alumni and supporters has been universally in favour of receiving the Trust's newsletter and donation forms by e-mail rather than by post in future.

However, the Alumnus Association, on which the Trust relies for contact details of alumni, has e-mail addresses for only about two thirds of the alumni on the UK address list.



Therefore it is very important to the Trust that everyone concerned should please provide an e-mail address – preferably by e-mailing info@ukznuktrust.org and copying to alumni@ukzn.ac.za

Alternatively, please go to alumniaffairs.ukzn.ac.za and use the online registration form. Thank you for your cooperation. The money saved from mailing costs will go to the Trust's bursaries.

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Trust bursars underline value of education for the future

Information supplied by those awarded Trust bursaries in 2012 provides a picture of hope for the future, amid the challenges facing them and their communities.

Here is just a sample of their comments:



Ayanda Simelane, 20, says she chose her Bachelor of Education degree course because her high school teachers were an inspiration to her and she also wants to be an inspiration to young people.

She would like to see better standards of education "because education is the key to success". She adds: "If possible, I would like to find a way to sponsor vulnerable students who wish to attend university and have no means."



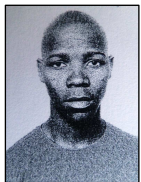
Sithuliso Mfanafuthi Ntshangase, 21, says he decided to study for a Bachelor of Education degree because he believes he was born to be a teacher. He cites the inspirational teaching he received from a history teacher and the fact that he himself used to teach his classmates at school.

He enjoys teaching because it allows him to interact with people of different races, cultures, religions, etc. He has an ambition to see widespread improvements in education levels.



Nondumiso Rejoice Simelane, 24, is studying a Bachelor of Nursing degree because of a strong desire to help those who are ill, particularly babies. She says: "To me, nursing is not just a profession... but a calling."

After graduating, she hopes to work in a local clinic. She wants to promote the health of her rural community, which she says faces many problems arising from poverty, illiteracy and other forms of deprivation.



Sinethemba Johannes Ntshapha, 21, is pursuing a Bachelor of Pharmacy degree because he has always wanted to study the development of new drugs, how they are formulated and how they carry out their intended functions within the body.

He would like to study further after graduating and take part in research projects "where new ideas and dedication are needed for discovery and implementation of new drugs" that will help in the battle against serious diseases.

Trust urges more donations in face of financial squeeze

The amount of money available for Trust bursaries in 2013 may not be sufficient to provide help for the same number of students as the Trust was able to assist in the past year.



Thirteen needy students are receiving funding from the Trust in 2012 but the Trustees are concerned that, without an increase in donations, this number will fall in 2013. It is disappointing that the goal of helping more students is unlikely to be met in the coming year, especially when the need is so great.

Alumni and supporters are being urged to give more generously if they can to try to ensure the Trust can help at least 13 students in 2013.

It is worth reminding readers:

- Giving by standing order helps the Trust by providing a reliable stream of income. If you can, please fill out and return the relevant part of the form enclosed with this newsletter
- If you are a UK taxpayer, please fill out the Gift Aid Declaration on the form, allowing the Trust to claim an additional 25p from the taxman for every £1 you donate
- Donors may wish to consider making a legacy or bequest to the Trust in their will, in the knowledge that they will be helping make future provision for students
- The Trust gains a small amount every year from the charity flowers scheme – see below.

A fund-raising event may also be staged in 2013: please try to attend.

Help the Trust when buying flowers



The Trust is part of a scheme for charities run by Guernsey Flowers Ltd. Customers who order flowers on the charity flowers website can select the Trust as the charity they want to receive 15% of the retail price. The next time you need to order flowers for any occasion please remember the Trust and go to: www.charityflowers.co.uk

Full details about how to order can be found on the website. Please remember to select the code for the UKZN UK Trust from the dropdown menu when entering your order details.

UKZN graduates 'likely to find jobs'

Some 84% of students find employment within six months of graduating from the University of KwaZulu-Natal, new figures show.

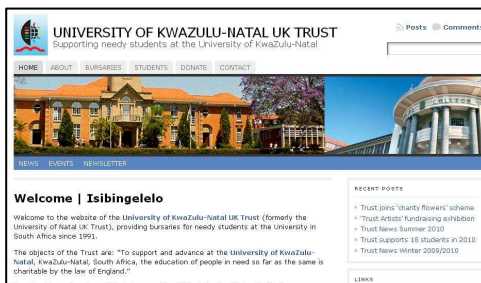
The University released the finding in recent publicity highlighting its achievements since the 2004 merger between the University of Natal and the University of Durban-Westville.

The administration has welcomed recent surveys ranking UKZN within the top 3% of world universities. The Times Higher Education Ranking placed UKZN "within the top 400 for the first time", while the Academic Ranking of World Universities ranked UKZN third in Africa and third in South Africa.

Keep up with the Trust – on the web

The Trust's website has the latest news on its work, as well as a wide range of information for donors.

The site includes details of how the Trust supports needy students. It also has links to related bodies.



Please check out the site – and visit it regularly for the latest news. You will find it at: www.ukznuktrust.org

Plans are in hand to provide an online giving page on the website. However, if you use online banking, please remember that you may send any donation by electronic transfer to the Trust's bank account and e-mail the Trust to advise, including your Gift Aid Declaration if applicable. Please see the form enclosed with this newsletter for more information.

REMEMBER US WHEN CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS!

Please remember to inform the Trust whenever you change your postal or e-mail address.

Posted letters that are returned are a waste of money that could have been better spent on the Trust's bursaries. Meanwhile, switching to e-mail for sending out the Trust's newsletter will make it even more important that we have your correct e-mail address.

The Trust will pass information on to the Alumnus Office, on which the Trust relies for the contact details of UK alumni.