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## Alumni in the News

Just a small selection profiled here – More stories.



Lisa Macleod (1991) was appointed Managing Editor of the *Financial Times* in London. Full article.

Natasha Joseph (2003), news editor at the Cape Argus, won the 2010 1st for Women Insurance - Women in The Media "Rising Star Award". This Award acknowledges up-and-coming talent in the media industry. Full article.





22 Old Rhodians featured in Mail and Guardian's list of 200 Young South Africans you must take to lunch: Jen Thorpe (Feminist Writer & Researcher), Athambile Masola (Volunteer : Nombulelo Reading Programme), Rebecca Hodes (Deputy Director AIDS & Society Research Unit – UCT), Heather Ford (Founder: Creative Commons SA), Nick Ferreira (Researcher: Constitutional Court), Adrian Tiplady (Physicist), Rulleska Singh (Media Spokesperson for Mayor of Cape Town), Jason van Niekerk (Lecturer at WITS), Alistair Fairweather (Social Media and online strategist), Daniel Buckland (Arts and Culture), Nadine Hutton (Photojournalist), Preven Chetty (Wildlife & Environmental Society of SA), Lindi Matshikiza (Actress), Megan Kakoru (Online Editor Cosmopolitan), Tembaka Ngcukaitobi (Director Constitutional Litigation), Nikiwe Bikitsha (Senior News Anchor – eTV), Haroon Meer(Founder:Thinkst), Eusebius McKaiser (Political & Social Analyst), Ross van der Linde (Chief Operations Officer: Democratic Alliance), Ishtar Lakhani (National 1 in 9 Campaign), Janice Limson (Head of Biotechnology, Rhodes). Full story and individual interviews - page 8 of Rhodos.



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# Old Rhodian Authors' Bookcase

Four authors (Fiona Snyckers, Dr Duncan Clarke, Andrew de Klerk and Mercia Waring) attended the two highly successful cocktail functions held during the National Arts Festival to launch the Bookcase. The Bookcase is in the foyer of Alumni House and has proved to be a star attraction for both visitors and staff alike.



### The Latest Books to be donated are:

Dr Saleem Badat – Black Man You Are On Your Own Nicolett Quekett (1936) – Letters From China Alison Stewart (1972) – Born into the Country and Bitterbloom Peter Harris (1976) – In a Different Time Jo-Anne Richards (1976) – Innocence of Roast Chicken, Touching the Lighthouse, Sad at the Edges, My Brothers Book Erik Boakye (1998) and Augustina (Asafo-Adjei) Boakye (1998) – Proven Methods Of Making Money & Building Wealth

Andrew de Klerk (1998) – International Rugby Encyclopedia Beth Dickerson (1946) – Being There Mercia Joan (Wilsworth) Waring (1969) – Strategies for Survival

**Complete Book List** 

# Old Rhodian Awards 2010

The annual Founders' Day celebrations (28 August) in Grahamstown provided the ideal opportunity for Rhodes University to honour some of its 'family'. The Old Rhodian Award is a special award given to Old Rhodians who, through their individual actions and achievements, have enhanced the reputation of the University and serve as role models in society. It is a prestigious award given annually to honour Old Rhodians. A maximum of three awards are made and this year Rhodes honoured Mr Adrian Arnott (1965), Mr Pearce Rood (1950) and Professor Jennifer Thomson (1971), all of whom have made a significant impact in their field of expertise.



# Annual Fund – Thank you



(Mr Guy White - Development Director acknowledges a donor's contribution at the Founders' Day lunch.)

August 28 was a time of great celebration at Rhodes – as we marked Founders' Day, Convocation and the SRC Centenary. It was also the perfect opportunity to recognise and thank all those who have contributed to the Annual Fund. Just as Rhodes owes its existence to our Founders' vision – so it depends on you for its future. To find out more about how your fellow alumni are getting involved in current projects visit the Annual Fund web page. To add your support, please click here to donate

# New Library R11 Million under Budget!!

It is not often that you can announce that a project has come in under budget, but this is just what the Vice-Chancellor did last week. **Full story**. An amount of R20 million was raised from alumni and donors towards the project, but another R5 million is needed in order to balance the books. With just two months to the official opening of the library we appeal to friends, supporters and alumni to contribute in whatever way you can to assist in raising the remaining funds. If you have any suggestions or advice as to where further support could be obtained, please contact Mr Guy White at **g.white@ru.ac.za** or the Vice-Chancellor at vc@ru.ac.za.

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## Roads 2 Rhodes Bursary Fund Update



The money raised now stands at R13,186.58. Hammond Pole Attorneys recently gave R5,000, which is in addition to the R7,000 sponsored by Cybicom Atlas Defence. More cycling shirts are being manufactured so if you would like one, please get your orders in now. R400 for the cycling shirts and R80 for the supporters' tee-shirts. Email alumni@ru.ac.za to order.

## Campus News



**Rhodes Cheerleading Squad** is the brain child of Andrew Matatu and Bongiwe Ngubeni. The Squad made their debut at this year's Intervarsity event in August. The organisers were looking for people with energy and a passion for Rhodes Sports, rather than follow the American example of choosing on similar appearance and build. The Cheerleading Squad would like male students to join, but no one has been brave enough yet. **More.** 



**Rhodes Library opens Research Commons.** Made possible by a grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the Research Commons is intended to serve senior postgraduate students and staff, especially the emerging young cadre of high-level researchers who may not otherwise have access to such a space. **Read more.** 

**More on the call for High Court seat retention** - Dr Mabizela as Chairperson of the Grahamstown High Court Action Committee, stated the view that the loss to Bhisho of the seat of the Eastern Cape General Division would result in job losses and a ripple effect, causing Makana Municipality to become severely constrained in its ability to provide services to the town and the University. **Read more.** 

## **Up-coming Events**

For details of all our up-coming events please go to: Luncheons for the over 60s

**Reunions for everyone** 

## Alumni Surveys

### **Commerce Graduates**

The Faculty of Commerce would like to obtain your views and perceptions on some dimensions of university education in order to ascertain what the competency profile of a Rhodes Commerce graduate should be. Your opinions will contribute to the enhancement of management education. The questionnaire will not take longer than 30 minutes to complete. **Click here** to login as a guest, complete the questionnaire and submit electronically by 30 September 2010. This research is part of a Masters thesis. Thank you in anticipation for sharing these important views with us.

Prof A.C.M. Webb Dean: Faculty of Commerce and

Prof L. Louw Head: Department of Management Research Leader

### 2010 Rhodes & Magnet Professionals' Survey – win a trip to Thailand!!



This annual survey aims to gain insight into the career mindset of South African professionals. Tell us about your working experience so far, your future career goals and priorities, and your ideal employers.

Results are delivered to the Rhodes Alumni Office and to some of South Africa's top employers to assist them in improving their attraction and retention strategies. Enter your details at the end of the survey and you stand a chance to win a trip for two to Thailand, Visa Gift Cards worth R 1 000 each and more! Terms & Conditions Apply. **Click to begin**.