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## Alumni in the News

### Grahamstown hosts top-notch writers

The **English Department** at Rhodes facilitated an exciting visit to Grahamstown by several well-known contemporary South African writers who are part of the READSA organisation. Three Rhodes alumni attended – Fiona Snyckers "*Trinity Rising*" and "*Trinity on Air*", Kevin Bloon "*Ways of Staying*" – shortlisted for the 2010 Alan Paton Award and Angela Makholwa "*The 30<sup>th</sup> Candle*". [Full article.](#)

### Prof Kanfer elected as AAPS Fellow

At the recent American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) Annual Meeting, held in New Orleans, USA, Emeritus Professor Isadore Kanfer, PhD of the Rhodes University Pharmacy Department was made a Fellow of the AAPS. He was also elected as Chairman of the Bioequivalence focus group. [Full article.](#)



### Lifetime contribution to Computer Science

At the annual conference of the South African Institute for Computer Scientists and Information Technologists held in Limpopo last week, Pat Terry, alumnus and retiring Rhodes' professor, received the prestigious 2010 Pioneer in Computer Science and Information Technology award. [Full article.](#)

### Rhodians involved in SA Solar Challenge

The 2010 SA Solar Challenge involved four Old Rhodians - Race Director, **Winstone Jordaan (1986)**, Comms and Media Chief, **Jonathon Rees (1987)** (Proof Communication Africa), Social Media guru, **Philip van Zyl (1987)** and Official Photographer, **Nikki Brand (2006)**. A fifth Old Rhodian, **Anzet du Plessis (2006)**, joined the team in Bloemfontein. [Read her story .](#)



### The incredible Chilean miners rescue was pretty much a South African affair in many respects.

Mark Venning (1982) who graduated with a BCom in 1986 lives in Chile with his wife, Carolina and their two children, Robert (14) and Victoria (12). Mark is the GM of Murray and Roberts Cementation for Latin America and he sent us his insight into the company's involvement in the Chile mine rescue. [Read his full story.](#)

## Old Rhodian Union Centenary 2011

The Old Rhodian Union will celebrate its Centenary in 2011. All our reunions and luncheons held during the year will reflect 100 years of the ORU. On campus celebrations will take place over an extended Founders' Weekend (27-29 August 2011). More details of these events will be available early in 2011. Why not come back to Grahamstown and celebrate with us?

## Student Representative Council (SRC) 101 Celebrations



The SRC will celebrate 101 years of student representation on campus during the first week of May 2011. The current SRC will phone past committee members inviting them to participate in many exciting events will be taking place on campus. We hope that past SRC members will take this opportunity to return to Grahamstown. For more information please contact the SRC President Mr Allan Magubane [srcpresident@ru.ac.za](mailto:srcpresident@ru.ac.za)

View more past SRC pictures on [flickr](#) from YATOO!

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## Annual Fund

### Play your part in 'sustaining excellence'

We all want to believe that in some way, we can help make this world a better place ... that what we do today will have a lasting, positive influence on generations to come. For those of us privileged to be part of the Rhodes community, contributing to the Annual Fund is an effective and meaningful way of making a difference.



Play your part, donate now

## New Library Official Opening



Photo by Sophie Smith

The new Library was officially opened on Thursday 4 November by Dr Blade Nzimande  
Related articles/webpages:

[Grand Opening](#)

["We can never say we didn't know"](#)

[Dr Blade Nzimande commended Rhodes](#)

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## Campus News

### Mandela Rhodes Scholars

Rhodes has four Mandela Rhodes Scholars for 2011 – one more than in 2010! The Mandela Rhodes Foundation offers young Africans who exhibit academic prowess as well as broader leadership potential an educational opportunity unique on the continent. [Read more.](#)



2011 Mandela Rhodes Scholars - Ms Laura Brook, Mr Alex Lenferna, Ms Nosipho Mngomezulu and Mr Jai Clifford-Holmes

### Rhodes marks World AIDS Day

An interesting programme of events marked World AIDS Day on the Rhodes campus this year, with the focus shifting to the context of health and wellness and resonating with the 2010 international theme of "Universal Access and Human Rights". [Full article](#)  
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The next edition will be in February 2011, until then have a wonderful holiday season.

Best regards,

Sharon and Terry - Your Alumni Team