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of interest to Old Rhodians

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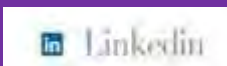
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Dear Old Rhodians and Friends

2013 is going so fast - already we are in May! Kind regards - your Alumni Relations Team

Campus and Alumni News

There are so many worthwhile stories on the Rhodes NEWS page it is very hard to single out just a few. [Check here for general RU News](#) [Check here for specific Old Rhodian](#)

News

Inauguration of new Chancellor - "Judge Lex Mpati personifies the values we embrace at Rhodes University of rising above self, of humility, commitment, excellence and ethical behaviour. His is an inspiring story and we are honoured to have him as our chancellor." [...more](#)
Graduation 2013 - Rhodes sets record for PhDs - 2 288 degrees bestowed on students — 1 340 for undergraduates and 948 for postgraduates. [...more](#) and to read the VC's speech [click here](#).

'Coelacanth' Genome Unlocked – the Rhodes Connection

Prof Rosemary Dorrington, from Rhodes University's department of biochemistry, microbiology and biotechnology, and visiting Prof Gregory Blatch, began the genome project and were responsible for collecting the samples for testing.

[Article on the Rhodes News Page](#)

[Full Article in 'Nature'](#)

Alumni Survey

An online survey of Rhodes University alumni around the world. We appreciate and value your perspective as we build a more personalized profile of Rhodes alumni and seek to better position and message our institution. To do the survey [click here](#).

MySchool – Old Rhodian Bursaries

For the first time this year we gave out two MySchool Bursaries to the value of R6,000 each. [Click here](#) to read all about the 2013 Old Rhodian Union Bursaries. MySchool membership continues to increase - please consider joining if you are resident in South Africa and help us increase our bursary support – it costs you nothing and every swipe counts. Click on the MySchool icon on the left hand side to apply for your membership card. .

Call for Nominations for the Distinguished and Emerging Old Rhodian Awards

Do you know an Old Rhodian who the University could honour for their individual actions and achievements?

The Distinguished OR Award is aimed at honouring Old Rhodians who have reached exceptional heights in their career over an extended period of time.

The Emerging OR Award honours those who have excelled early in their career and shown potential for continued success. Candidates should be 40 years of age or younger at the time of nomination. [click here](#).

Purple Thursdays

Every Thursday is "Purple Thursday" – students, staff and Old Rhodians are asked to show their purple spirit by wearing a touch of purple. As part of International Week on Thursday 23rd May we will be celebrating our Old Rhodians worldwide by displaying a world map showing the countries where we have Old Rhodian representation. Wear your purple and send us your pictures to alumni@ru.ac.za. For more information [click here](#).

Fire Walk Kicks off the 2013 Give5 Collection Week

Students raised nearly R48,000 this year in just one week!! The money raised goes towards the "Student Pocket Money Fund". [Read more](#).



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2013 Reunions, Get-togethers and Luncheons

Our 2013 events schedule is now available. [Click here](#). Have you moved? Do you know someone who does not receive correspondence from us? If so, then e-mail contact details to alumni@ru.ac.za

On Campus Events

Festival Cocktail Party – if you are in Grahamstown for the National Arts Festival, we will be holding our annual Festival Cocktail event for visiting Old Rhodians and diehard locals on Saturday 29 June at Alumni House. Contact Terry at alumni@ru.ac.za if you would like to attend. We are very happy to display flyers in Alumni House for Old Rhodians taking part in the Festival.

Thank you for supporting the Annual Fund and "Keeping the Legacy Alive"

Our main focus for 2013, as you are already aware of, is student financial aid, as we have a shortfall in financial aid requirements.

Thank you to all our Old Rhodians and supporters who are so generous and caring people and who unselfishly give to support the Rhodes University Annual Fund. Many of you contributed following our appeal for student financial aid in February.

Through our programs we have seen many lives changed for the better and with the help of donations from supporters such as you we will continue to see improvements at Rhodes University.

Annual Fund Web Page – [click here](#). Contact Annie Pienaar on +27 (0) 46 603 7024 or email: a.pienaar@ru.ac.za / annualfund@ru.ac.za for further information.

Latest Books in our Old Rhodian Bookcase

Written a book? Please donate a copy to the Old Rhodian Bookcase and we will draw attention to it by listing it on our web page and mentioning it in e-news. - [click here](#)

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[Old Rhodians "Knocking on Heaven's Door"](#) (Closed Group) – for Old Rhodians from 1965-1975

[Rhodes University Sports Foundation](#) (Open Group) – for anyone interested in Rhodes Sport both past and present.

[Purple Thursday – Rhodes University](#) (Open group) – to support and learn more about this initiative.

[Rhodes University](#) (Page) – managed by the Alumni Office

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