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## **UCT to honour champion teacher in Limpopo**

**Mr Phuti Ramarope of Sinthumule Secondary School in Tshilwavhusiku to receive Stella Clark Teachers' Award: Monday, 13 August 2012 at 12h30 in the African Studies Gallery, Oppenheimer Building, Engineering Mall, Upper Campus, UCT**

The Centre for Higher Education Development (CHED) at the University of Cape Town will present the Stella Clark Teachers' Award to Mr Phuti Ramarope of Sinthumule Secondary School in Tshilwavhusiku, Limpopo, on Monday, 13 August 2012 at 12h30.

Mr Ramarope will receive the award from UCT Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price. He was nominated by Hilda Khunoana, a first-year Chemical Engineering student at UCT. In her nomination letter, Ms Khunoana said: "Mr Ramarope was more than a teacher to me but a father. He listened, encouraged and corrected me. Last year he told me that I was going to pass with flying colours because I have the potential to and I should apply to any university, including UCT.... To me he was and he will always be a hero."

Since 2005, the Stella Clark Teachers Award has acknowledged the work of exceptionally talented teachers – the unsung heroes who go beyond the call of duty to motivate and inspire their learners to perform well and rise above their poverty-stricken circumstances. The award was established in honour of Stella Clark, an extraordinary University of Cape Town lecturer from the CHED's Academic Development Programme who died in 2005. Her husband, Professor Kevin Naidoo, a UCT chemistry professor, and their children established the award to recognise Clark's many years of dedicated service to teaching and mentoring students from educationally disadvantaged backgrounds.

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