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UCT recognises extraordinary individuals shaping the future – teachers

Science teachers from Lesiba Secondary School in Daveyton and Harold Cressy Secondary School in Cape Town to participate in panel discussion on 17 August 2015, LT2, Hoerikwaggo Building, Upper Campus, 12h45.

The Stella Clark Teachers' Award (SCTA) at the University of Cape Town recognises the work done by amazing teachers in shaping the youth of today to become leaders of tomorrow.

The SCTA was established in 2005 in honour of Stella Clark, an extraordinary UCT lecturer who was based at the Centre for Higher Education and Development (CHED). At the beginning of each academic year, CHED invites students to nominate high school teachers who helped make it possible for them to pursue their dream of accessing tertiary education and registering at UCT.

Two science teachers, one from Lesiba Secondary School in Daveyton, Gauteng and the other from Harold Cressy Secondary School in Cape Town, are being honoured this year. Both have left an impression on their learners through their dedication and willingness to spend long hours every day helping learners achieve their dreams.

Blessed Ngwenya, who nominated his teacher from Lesiba Secondary School, wrote, "If there is a better definition of an educator than him, then I suppose I'm yet to meet any other educator who in my opinion is better than him. I therefore believe that he deserves recognition as he still continues to serve the education system in disadvantaged schools/areas of the country."

Yameen Motala, who nominated his teacher from Harold Cressy High School, wrote, "It was truly an honour to have had such a great teacher, even though he wasn't formally one of my subject teachers. Teachers such as him are rare; he is one that inspires others. Just to have met and been influenced by such a great person is something I am actually grateful for."

The teachers will be honoured at an award ceremony and panel conversation with Professor Rochelle Kapp (Chair, STCA) which will explore their teaching methods and the challenges faced in the classroom to keep students motivated and interested in learning on:

Date: Monday, 17 August 2015

Time: 12h45

Venue: LT2, Hoerikwaggo Building, UCT Upper Campus, North Lane

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