

Dr Michael Le Cordeur receives Chancellor's Award

"At Stellenbosch University we believe in rewarding excellence, and with this in mind the University as of 2014 will be honouring outstanding academics with Chancellor's Awards in recognition of their continued contributions to excellence," said Prof Leopoldt van Huyssteen, SU's acting Rector and Vice-Chancellor.

The university decided to accord recognition to staff whose careers attest to sustained excellence over their whole career, through an annual prestige award. The Chancellor's Awards focus on sustained excellence in the fields of research, learning and teaching, and/or community interaction. This can only be received once in a person's career.

Among the first 15 academics who received their awards at the December graduation ceremonies were two of our colleagues in the Education Faculty.

DR MICHAEL LE CORDEUR's commitment to the communities in which he works radiates from each project in which he is involved. His devotion to individual students (like Rachel's Angels candidates) and his dedication to the empowerment of people (like orchestra members of the Wellington Minstrels) reflect a deep-rooted resolve and involvement. Furthermore, Dr le Cordeur's stature in the Afrikaans language landscape is recognised nationally and internationally, and he has received several awards in this regard. In a book *Ons gaan 'n taal maak* (We will make a language) Dr le Cordeur is honoured as a tireless labourer for Afrikaans, along with Adam Small and NP van Wyk Louw. His community engagement fees and enriches his teaching of Afrikaans in the Faculty of Education. Dr le Cordeur received the rectors award for five consecutive years and now he also receives the Chancellor's Award.