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First-year Achievement Awards

Eerstejaarsprestasietoekennings

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FOR THE 2020 ACADEMIC YEAR  
PRESENTED ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2021

# Top Achieving First-Year Students 2020



Yusra Azzkani	Lauren Gathercole	Chelsea Smyth
Greg Basslian	Barend Groenewald	Paula Taylor
Joshua Benadie	Jess Holing	Lize Theunissen
Tiaan Booyens	Michelle Kleynhans	Anabel Thomson
Liam Brain	Megan Landman	Wilmie van Biljon
Christiaan Brand	Retief Louw	Caitlin van der Berg
Bradley Buchanan	Palesa Mokgatla	Emil van der Walt
Hayden de Kock	Kondwani Ngulube	Luke van Rooyen
Kelsey Dellar	Santie Olivier	Sean van Wyk
Paul Ellis	Amy Randelhoff	Bernardus Wessels
Liam Foxcroft	Anri Roome	

# Nominated Lecturers 2020



Janet Bell	Pieter Gouws	Marietjie Lutz
Philip Bosman	Carmelita Jacobs	Monica Matthews
Marisca Coetzee	Zurab Janelidze	Kristiaan Schreve
Hanno Coetzer	Ebrezia Johnson	Debra Shepherd
Sarah de Villiers	Doret Jordaan	Garrett Slattery
Jaco du Plooy	Willem Jordaan	Philip Southey
Catherine du Toit	Erna Lampen	Nina Taylor
Dennis Francis	Dominique Leibbrandt	Celeste Rosant
James Gray	Eric Levéel	Melt van Schoor

*AgriSciences*

**Kelsey Dellar  
(AgriSciences)**



**Kondwani Ngulube  
(AgriSciences)**



**Lize Theunissen  
(AgriSciences)**



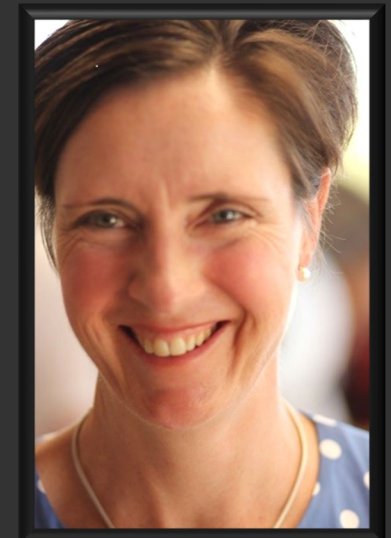
**Prof Pieter Gouws  
(Food Science)**



**Ms Marisca Coetzee  
(Language Centre)**



**Dr Marietjie Lutz  
(Chemistry & Polymer Science)**



*Arts & Social Sciences*



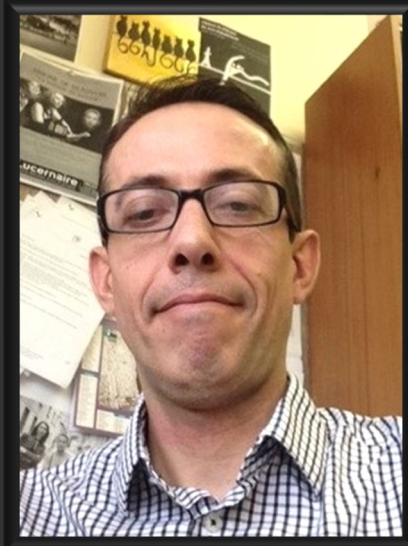
**Tiaan Booyens**  
(Arts & Social Sciences)



**Barend Groenewald**  
(Arts & Social Sciences)



**Prof Éric Levéel**  
(Modern Foreign Languages)



**Prof Catherine du Toit**  
(Modern Foreign Languages)



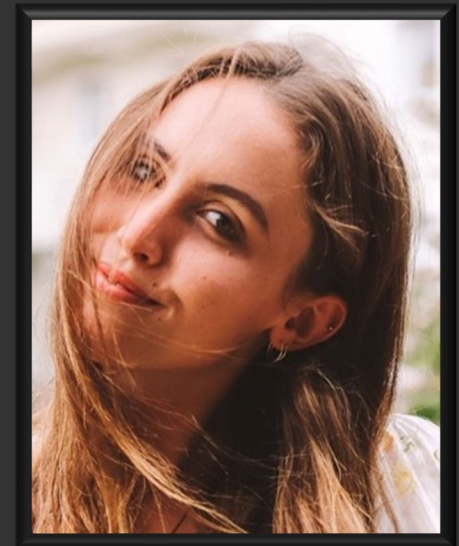
**Michelle Kleynhans**  
(Arts & Social Sciences)



**Megan Landman**  
(Arts & Social Sciences)



**Jess Holing**  
(Arts & Social Sciences)



**Dr Doret Jordaan**  
(Modern Foreign Languages)



**Prof Dennis Francis**  
(Soc & Social Anthropology)



**Ms Sarah de Villiers**  
(Modern Foreign Languages)





A pair of black-rimmed glasses with round lenses is resting on a stack of books and papers. A red ribbon bookmark is visible on the left side of the stack. The background is blurred, showing more books and papers.

Excerpts from Letters:

Lecturers to Students

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"This award is particularly significant in that 2020 was a year of many challenges, high anxiety levels and which demanded a great amount of flexibility."

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"All dues go to you, then, for being inquisitive and keeping the "classroom" and learning alive."

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"I really enjoyed our online engagements, especially since I could immediately tell that you have reflected on the prescribed materials (i.e primary and secondary sources of law) and that you have internalized it."

*Economic and Management Sciences*

**Joshua Benadie**  
(EMS)



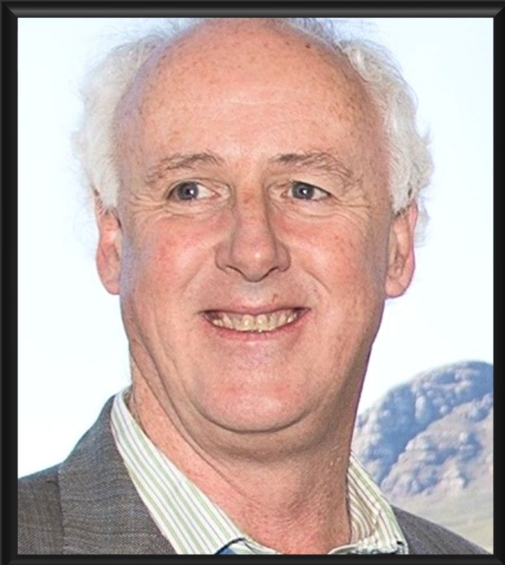
**Paula Taylor**  
(EMS)



**Sean van Wyk**  
(EMS)



**Prof Garret Slattery**  
(Statistics & Actuarial Science)



**Mr Jaco du Plooy**  
(Modern Foreign Languages)

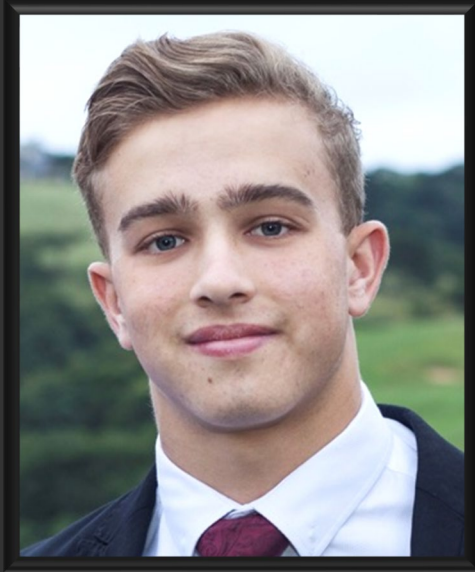


**Mr Melt van Schoor**  
(Economics)





**Hayden de Kock**  
(EMS)



**Luke Van Rooyen**  
(EMS)



**Ms Monica Matthews**  
(Statistics & Actuarial Science)





**Greg Basslian**  
(EMS)



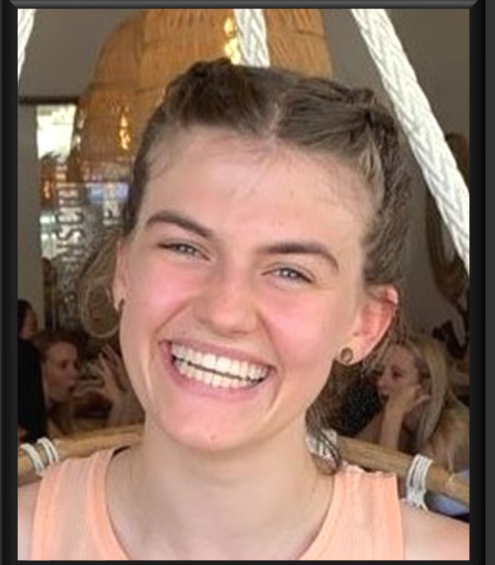
**Liam Brain**  
(EMS)



**Amy Randelhoff**  
(EMS)



**Chelsea Smyth**  
(EMS)



**Dr Debra Shepherd**  
(Economics)



# Excerpts from Letters: Students to Lecturers



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"The skills learned will be used constantly throughout my academic life and further once I have my desired career."

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"We all have that one teacher who seemed to nonchalantly flip your perspective and consequently help you to figure out who you are and why you are here."

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"You clearly conveyed a deep love for not only beautiful ideas, but also sharing them with other people."

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"I was truly inspired by your passion for your field and was immediately able to transfer that to my own areas of study."

*Education*

**Anabel Thomson**  
(Education)



**Santie Olivier**  
(Education)



**Dr Erna Lampen**  
(Curriculum Studies)



**Dr Carmelita Jacobs**  
(Educational Psychology)



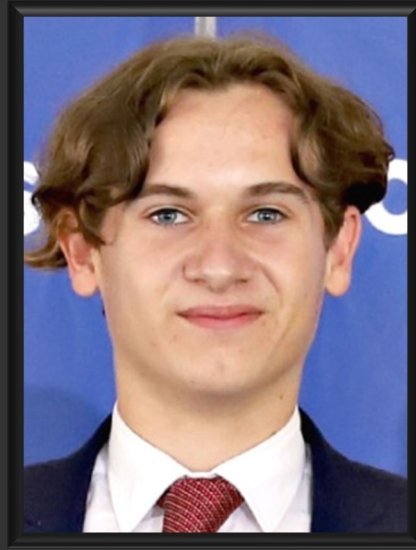
*Engineering*



**Yusra Azzakani**  
(Engineering)



**Bradley Buchanan**  
(Engineering)



**Paul Ellis**  
(Engineering)



**Retief Louw**  
(Engineering)



**Dr Philip Southey**  
(Physics)



**Prof Kristiaan Schreve**  
(Mechanical & Mechatronic Engineering)



**Dr Hanno Coetzer**  
(Applied Mathematics)



**Dr Willem Jordaan**  
(Electrical & Electronic Engineering)



# Excerpts from Letters: Lecturers to Students



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"I am pleased to have the opportunity to be part of the group celebrating this success with you."

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"It delights me that you understand that as teachers and students in higher education, we must move beyond our preconceived notions."

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"Mag jy elke dag een tree nader kom aan jou drome."

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"Your enthusiastic participation in University life did not stop at your own academic achievement."

*Health Sciences*

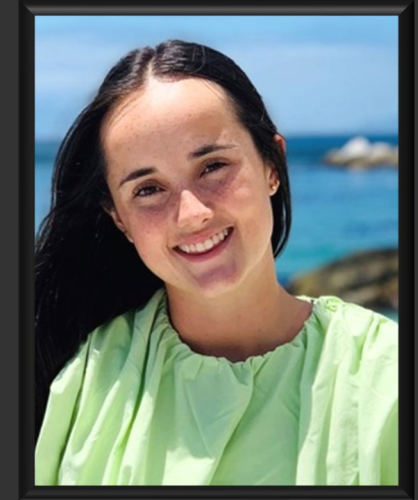
**Lauren Gathercole**  
(Health Sciences)



**Caitlin van der Berg**  
(Health Sciences)



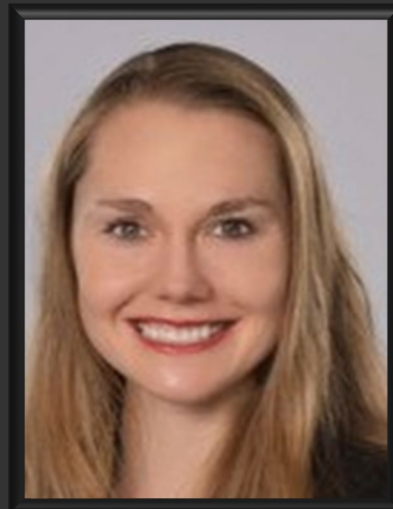
**Anri Roome**  
(Health Sciences)



**Dr Janet Bell**  
(Nursing & Midwifery)



**Dr Dominique Leibbrandt**  
(Physiotherapy)



**Ms Celeste Rosant (post-humous)**  
(Human Nutrition)



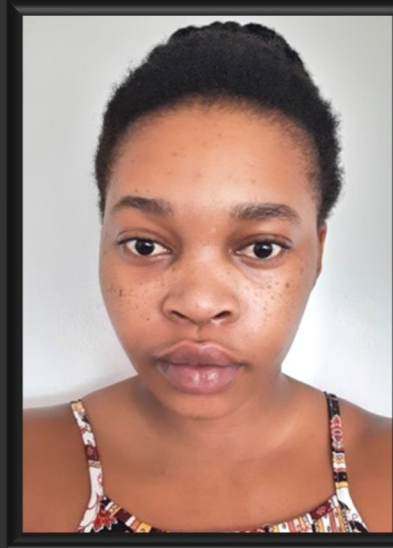
*Law*  
*Military Sciences*  
*Theology*



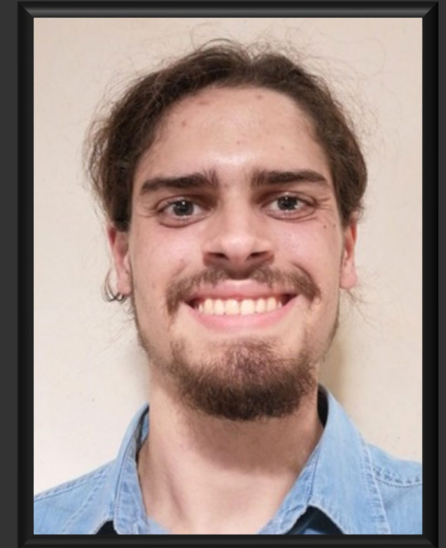
**Wilmien van Biljon**  
(Law)



**Palesa Mokgatla**  
(Military Sciences)



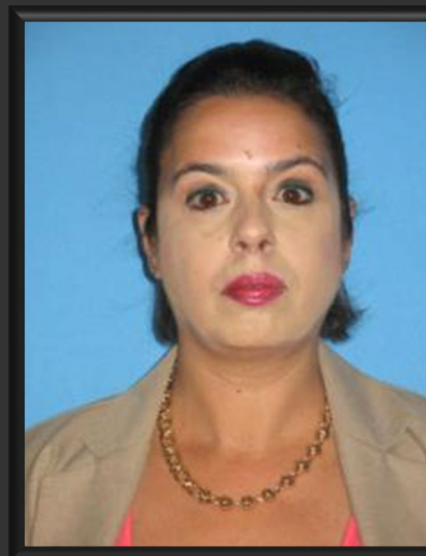
**Christiaan Brand**  
(Theology)



**Ms Ebrezia Johnson**  
(Private Law)



**Dr Nina Taylor**  
(Economics MIL)



**Prof Philip Bosman**  
(Ancient Studies)



# Excerpts from Letters: Students to Lecturers



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"I recall the first day in class when you arrived without a textbook and only whiteboard markers. I was unsure of what you were going to accomplish without a textbook, but I was amazed and impressed when you continued the lesson without referring to any material."

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"Your enthusiasm in lecture videos and detailed examples with tips on how to approach questions made me feel like I wasn't even working online at all."

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"I was left feeling hopeful, energised and optimistic about what the future of my studies and degree held."

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"Your effort went far beyond uploading reading material on SUNLearn and instructing us to self-study it."

*Science*

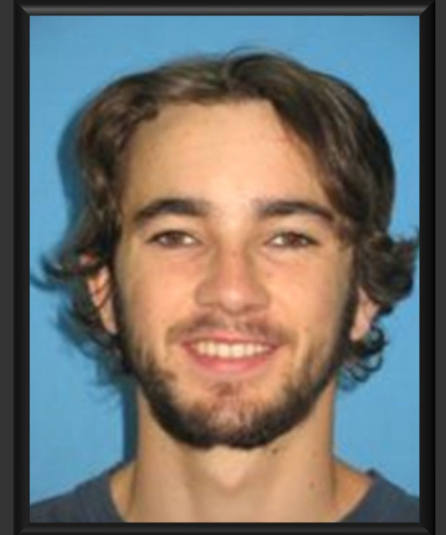
**Bernardus Wessels**  
(Science)



**Emil van der Walt**  
(Science)



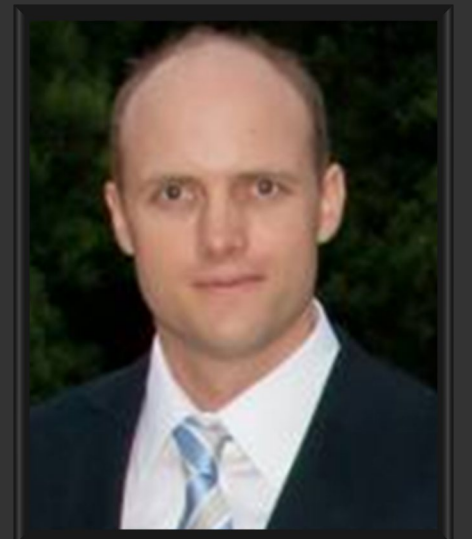
**Liam Foxcroft**  
(Science)



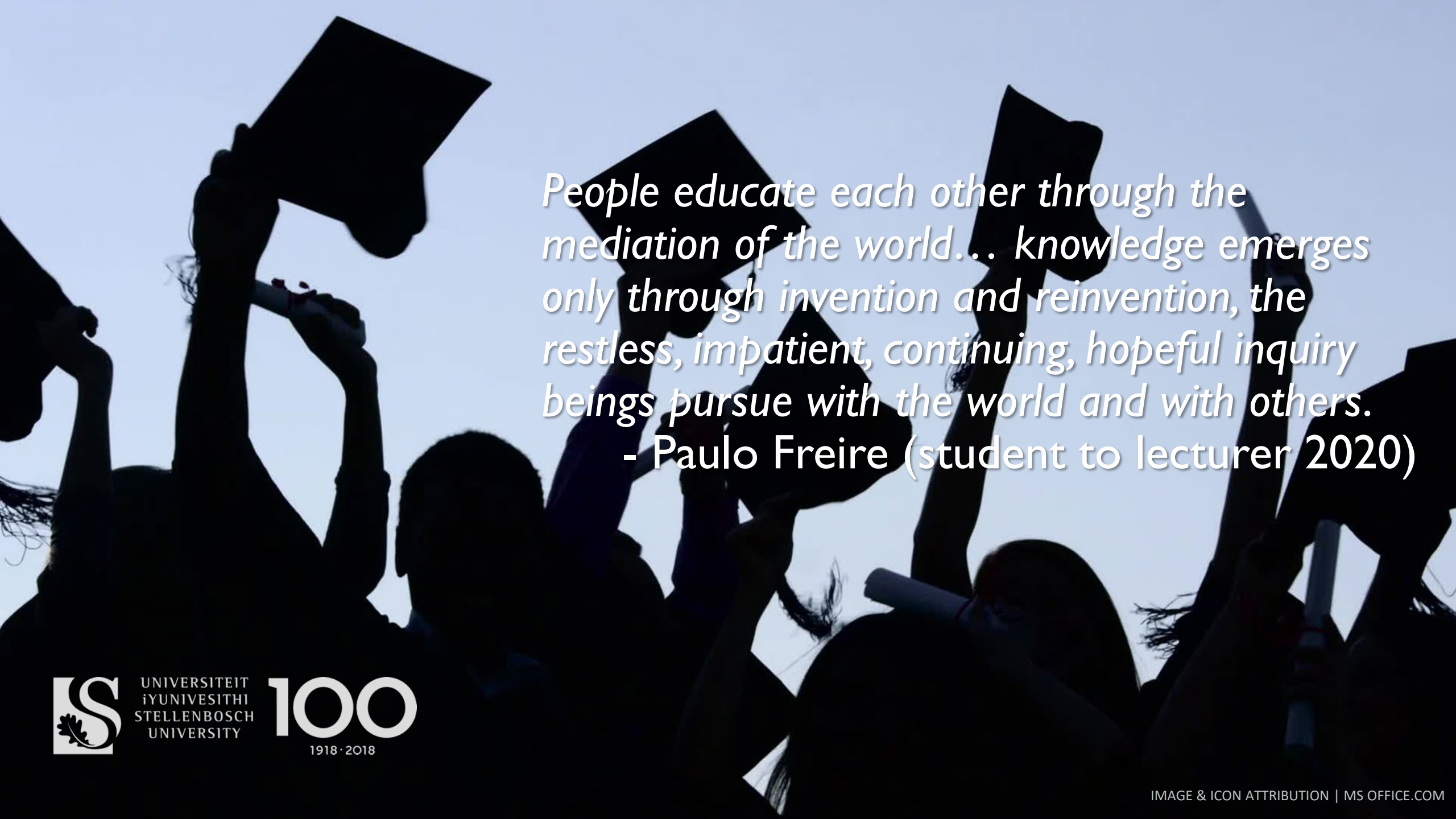
**Prof Zurab Janelidze**  
(Mathematics)



**Dr James Gray**  
(Mathematics)





The background of the slide is a low-angle photograph showing the silhouettes of a large group of graduates against a bright, clear sky. They are all throwing their black graduation caps into the air, with the caps captured in various stages of flight. The scene conveys a sense of collective achievement and celebration.

*People educate each other through the mediation of the world... knowledge emerges only through invention and reinvention, the restless, impatient, continuing, hopeful inquiry beings pursue with the world and with others.*  
- Paulo Freire (student to lecturer 2020)



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## *What the Lecturer receives*

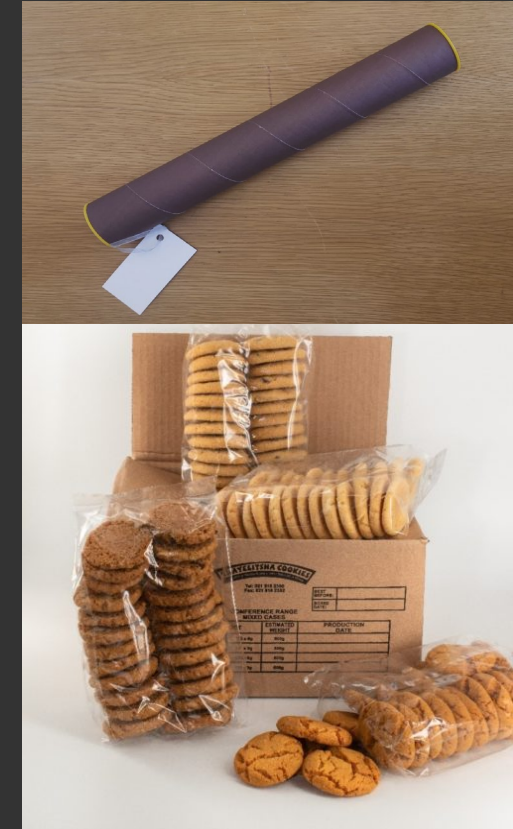


Certificate of recognition  
Letter from nominating student/s  
Carol Boyes gift  
Gift bag of cookies



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## *What the Student receives*



Certificate of recognition  
Letter from their nominated lecturer  
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