

**Bekendstelling van die Universiteit Stellenbosch se HOOP Projek aan alumni,
Port Elizabeth, 2010-10-09: Prof Russel Botman, Rektor en Visekanselier**

Goeie naand, baie welkom.

Thanks for coming – your continued interest in your alma mater means a lot to us.

We are here to talk about Stellenbosch University's HOPE Project. The video we have just seen, provided some background, and I am going to tell you some more in just a moment, but first, allow me to brag a bit.

ALUMNUS-SUKSES

Ek is seker julle as alumni sal verstaan dat ek wil spog met die prestasies van 'n oud-Matie, Luke Mckend, wat pas aangestel is as hoof van Google Suid-Afrika. Dis net weereens 'n bewys van die gehalte wat Maties oplewer.

WAT IS DIE HOOP PROJEK NOU EINTLIK?

The HOPE Project is the University's new, ground-breaking advancement campaign – and it is ambitious, comprehensive and integrated.

Die HOOP Projek stel ons in staat om tot diens van die samelewing te wees deur ons kundigheid – die akademie en die wetenskap – aan te wend om ernstige probleme te takel.

Die agtergrond was in die DVD, en julle kan meer uitvind in die HOOP-boekies en koerante wat ons saamgebring het. Wat ek nou wil doen, is om vinnig 'n paar van ons opwindende akademiese inisiatiewe te bespreek.

STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY WATER INSTITUTE

As you have no doubt seen in the news, Stellenbosch University scientists have developed a high-tech “tea bag” filter that fits into the neck of a water bottle and delivers clean water as you drink from it.

The inside of the tea bag material is coated with a thin film of biocides encapsulated within minute nanofibres, which kills all disease-causing microbes.

The bag is filled not with tea leaves but with active carbon granules that remove all harmful chemicals.

Each “tea bag” filter can clean one litre of the most polluted water to the point where it is 100% safe to drink.

Once used, the bag is thrown away, and a new one is inserted into the bottle neck.

The “tea bag” filter promises to provide easy access to clean drinking water for vulnerable communities, for instance those living near polluted water streams.

The Stellenbosch University Water Institute is clearly a hope generating initiative.

UKWANDA LANDELIKE KLINIESE SKOOL

Die US se Ukwanda Landelike Kliniese Skool, wat op Worcester opgerig word, skep eweneens hoop.

’n Groot uitdaging in die Suid-Afrikaanse gesondheidssektor is die wanbalans in die verspreiding van dokters tussen landelike en stedelike gebiede.

Om tot oplossings by te dra, het die US besluit om die Ukwanda Landelike Kliniese Skool op die been te bring. Dié skool sal op die kliniese opleiding van studente by landelike hospitale en gesondheidsentrums fokus.

Studente sal steeds deels by ons hoof-opleidingshospitaal in Tygerberg opgelei word, maar sal ook landelike blootstelling kry. Internasionale ervaring dui daarop dat langer blootstelling aan ’n landelike omgewing help om studente nagraads te behou, en hulle motiveer om hulle uiteindelik op die platteland te vestig.

VIRTUAL POSTGRADUATE LEARNING SUPPORT

Virtual Postgraduate Learning Support makes it possible for people with jobs to study further without having to resign or take long leave. This clears many hurdles in the way of higher education.

Our division of Interactive Telematic Services (ITS) runs a modern broadcasting studio and control room in Stellenbosch, from where classes for postgraduate programmes in the faculties of Humanities, Education, Military Science, as well as Economic and Management Sciences, are interactively telecast to 19 centres in South Africa and Namibia. There is a centre right here in PE.

This Virtual Postgraduate Learning Support initiative is very popular and keeps on growing. At the moment, almost 21% of all our postgraduate students study via this platform.

FAKULTEIT INGENIEURSWESE

Hoe werk die HOOP Projek in die praktyk. Hier is ’n voorbeeld:

Saam met die US Raad se R56,5-miljoen saadgeld in Ingenieurswese se HOOP-inisiatiewe, het die Fakulteit reeds die eerste 18 maande R41-miljoen vir dieselfde projekte ingewin.

STANDARD BANK CENTRE FOR AGRIBUSINESS LEADERSHIP AND MENTORSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The following initiative is a good example of how partnerships between companies or private individuals and the University can help to create hope in society.

Land reform is a national priority, and it is in this context that the Centre for Agribusiness Leadership and Mentorship Development focuses on previously disadvantaged communities and individuals. The Centre offers postgraduate programmes and shorter certificate and diploma courses.

This research centre serves as a link between new and upcoming farmers and agricultural communities on the one hand, and the agribusiness value chain on the other.

Standard Bank has come aboard as sponsor in support of our vision of creating hope in a country and on a continent that needs a green revolution by focussing on the business side of agriculture.

As ons van diens tot die samelewing en 'n plek van uitnemendheid wil wees, moet ons verseker dat ons aktiwiteite volhoubaar is. Ons kan dit nie doen sonder die bystand van ons vennote, netwerke en ondersteuners nie.

Vanaand is dus nie net 'n inligtingsessie nie, maar ook 'n **uitnodiging aan elkeen van u om betrokke te raak.**

NUWE ALUMNI BEURSSKENKERS

Drie jong oud-Maties stel 'n uitstekende voorbeeld. Hulle het onlangs 'n beursfonds gestig om minderbevoorregte studente te help. Dit na aanleiding van hul eie ervaring op kampus, toe hulle finansiële gesukkel het om kop bo water te hou, maar vasegby het omdat hulle die belang van opvoeding besef.

Nadat hulle afstudeer het, het elkeen elke maand 'n R100 of wat weggesit, en toe hulle R4 000 gespaar het, het hulle die Universiteit genader en 'n beursfonds vir behoeftige studente gestig. Hulle noem dit die **MAP-beurs**, op grond van die eerste letter van hul vanne – (Nico) **Mans**, (Paul) **Antohnie** en (Alphonso) **Primo**.

Elke bietjie help. Ons het julle ondersteuning en nodig. Praat sommer vanaand nog met Heidi October van ons Ontwikkelingskantoor oor skenkings wat ons kan help om studentesukses te verseker, of vir een van die projekte wat ek genoem het, of enigeen van die 22 HOOP Projek-inisiatiewe.

BENEFACTORS OF HOPE

The HOPE Project is in effect the largest fundraising campaign ever by an African university. Our goal is to raise gifts of at least R1,75 billion by 2015. Our vision of hope has already been very well supported, both locally and internationally. We have raised R500 million in philanthropic contributions the past three years in the silent phase of the campaign. Thank you to all our donors and supporters here tonight.

However, we still need R1,25 billion to fully realise our vision of turning Maties into a centre of hope for South Africa, Africa and the world. Speak to Heidi tonight to make your pledge, or visit the HOPE Project website – www.thehopeproject.co.za – for more information on how to MAKE A CONTRIBUTION.

Een van die doelwitte van hierdie veldtog is om meer van ons alumni te inspireer om hul alma mater te ondersteun. Ons wil graag die koers van diegene wat in die Universiteit terugploeg van 2% tot nader aan 10% verhoog.

Besoek gerus die HOOP Projek-webblad – www.diehooprojek.co.za – vir 'n magdom inligting oor al ons verskillende inisiatiewe, asook inligting oor hoe om 'N BYDRAE TE MAAK.

CONCLUSION

Ladies and gentlemen, 2010 is proving to be a big year for South Africa, having just successfully hosted the soccer World Cup. Our challenge now is to sustain this momentum. And the best way of doing this, is by investing in education. Higher education, in particular, unlocks and imparts reliable knowledge, which can be used to change the world for the better. And it produces professionals in a variety of fields, equipping them with the necessary skills to fulfil leadership roles in society and drive the economic growth required for improving people's lives.

Die Universiteit Stellenbosch se HOOP Projek is pasgemaak vir hierdie uitdaging. Dit stel ons in staat om ons vernaamste sterkpunte in te span om van ons land en vasteland se grootste probleme aan te pak.

Dames en here, die HOOP Projek is die regte ding om te doen. Nou is die regte tyd vir hoop. Ons kinders en hulle kinders verdien niks minder nie. Baie dankie.