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Dean of Education amongst SA□s most influential women in business and government 2012

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The Dean of the Faculty of Education, Prof Irma Eloff, is one of the top three Most Influential Women in Business and Government in South Africa in 2012 □ in the Education category.

The awards, pioneered by CEO Communications to celebrate excellence in organisations 11 years ago, recognise innovative leadership of women in various sectors of South African society.

Annelize Wepener, the Chief Executive of CEO Holdings, highlights the unique business leadership style of South African women and states that during the last decade “they have led with both their hearts and minds”. Yvonne Finch, Chairperson and Facilitator of MIW 2012, says of the finalists for 2012: “Their stories are so varied; they have all had different mountains to climb, and their views from the top form part of the kaleidoscope that is South African business.”

At the awards ceremony at Gallagher Estate on 26 July 2012, Anne Pratt highlighted some of the criteria for the awards – good governance, ethical leadership, leading with integrity and delivering under challenging circumstances. Finalists were judged by three sequential judging panels. More than a 1 000 nominations were received from across South Africa. Evaluation consisted of initial validation processes and filmed-questions-and-answer sessions.

South Africa’s first women police commissioner, General Phiyega, delivered the keynote address at the award ceremony. Kediagetse Mosimane, affectionately known as Sister Bucks, received a Lifetime Achievement Award. More can be read at **http://www.ceomag.co.za/** about this year’s winners and finalists.

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