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The launch of the Russell Loubser JSE Prize and the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences Dean□s List awards function

By Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

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Mr Russell Loubser

The Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Pretoria, Prof Cheryl de la Rey and the Dean of the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences, Prof Elsabé Loots, hosted a function to launch the Russell Loubser JSE Prize.

The launch was combined with the annual Dean's List function of the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences.

The Russell Loubser JSE Prize for a postgraduate student in the Faculty of Economic and Management Science was donated by the JSE Limited in honour of Mr Russell Loubser, an alumnus, who retired as CEO in 2012.

Mr Loubser is a prominent alumnus of the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences. After completing the BCom Accounting Sciences degree, he obtained an MCom in Statistics at the University of Pretoria. He is also an Extraordinary Professor in Mercantile Law at UP and was appointed to the Council of the University in 2007.

He qualified as a Chartered Accountant (South Africa) in 1982 while with Arthur Andersen & Co. As CEO of the JSE from 1997 to 2011 he was responsible for the fundamental strategic repositioning of the JSE, including its pioneering agreements with the London Stock Exchange and FTSE as well as the acquisition of the South African Futures Exchange (SAFEX) and the Bond Exchange of South Africa (BESA) by the JSE. This fundamental repositioning enabled the JSE to be listed on the JSE in June 2006.

The prestigious Dean's List of the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences was implemented in 2008. In order to be one of the selected students on the Dean’s List, a student must have an outstanding academic record. Undergraduate students must achieve an average of 85% or more in their first, second and third years of study and have repeated no module. Honours students must achieve an average of 80% or more and fulltime students must complete the degree in one year. Part-time students have two years to complete their studies. Master’s students must achieve an average of 75% or above and their studies must be completed in the minimum prescribed time.

Altogether 40 students received the 2012 Dean's List awards. The Faculty is proud of the academic achievements of its students. Prof Loots and Mr Loubser awarded the students with certificates and books from the Faculty.

The Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Pretoria, Prof Cheryl de la Rey (front row middle) and the Dean of the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences, Prof Elsabé Loots (front row, third from left) with students who received the Deans List awards at the launch of the Russell Loubser JSE Prize and the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences Dean's List awards function.

Prof Yvonne du Plessis, Prof Elsabé Loots and Prof Shirley Zinn.

Humphrey Borkum, Prof Cheryl de la Rey, Mr Russell Loubser and Prof Derick de Jongh.

Mr Joe Madungandaba, Mr Humphrey Borkum, Dr Anna Mokgokong and Mr Geoff Rothschild.

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