

Media Releases

TuksGolf Training Centre officially opened at the University of Pretoria

Media Office
Posted on 17 May 2013

The University of Pretoria prides itself on its publicly recognised achievements pertaining to its various sporting fraternities. These achievements: sporting facilities, which are of the highest quality among South African universities. To add to its quality achievements, the University of Pretoria Performance Centre (hpc), has now officially opened a golf training centre.

- [TuksGolf Training Centre officially opened at the University of Pretoria](#)
- [TuksGolf-oefensentrum amptelik geopen by die Universiteit van Pretoria](#)

South African law professor to report to the United Nations on Lethal Robots

Media Office
Posted on 16 May 2013

South African human rights law professor, Christof Heyns, will submit a widely anticipated report on Lethal Autonomous Robots (LARs) to the UN on 29 May 2013.

- [South African law professor to report to the United Nations on Lethal Robots](#)
- [Suid-Afrikaanse regsprofessor lê verslag voor aan Verenigde Nasies oor Dodelike Robotte \(Lethal Robots\)](#)

Findings of corporate governance research project released

Media Office
Posted on 15 May 2013

The Albert Luthuli Centre for Responsible Leadership at the University of Pretoria (UP) will be releasing its research findings on the state of corporate governance in South Africa.

- [Findings of corporate governance research project released](#)
- [Findings of corporate governance research project released](#)

Local politicians, international experts and prominent thought-leaders to rethink governance processes

Media Office
Posted on 15 May 2013

Cir Kgosientso Ramokgopa, Executive Mayor of Tshwane, international academics and activists such as Susan George as well as prominent local politicians like Kgabo and Andries Bezuidenhout are to take part in a week-long think tank on governance at the University of Pretoria (UP).

- [Local politicians, international experts and prominent thought-leaders to rethink governance processes](#)
- [Local politicians, international experts and prominent thought-leaders to rethink governance processes](#)

Prof De la Rey calls for a "bigger and better" Woolly Winter Campaign in 2013

Media Office
Posted on 14 May 2013

Speaking on TuksFM's Bang Bang Breakfast Show, the University of Pretoria's Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Prof Cheryl de la Rey, announced that the Woolly Winter Campaign will be launched earlier in a bid to make it "bigger and better" than the previous year's effort.

- [Prof De la Rey calls for a "bigger and better" Woolly Winter Campaign in 2013](#)
- [Prof De la Rey doen "n beroep vir "n groter en beter Winterwarmteveldtog in 2013](#)

Well-known children's rights lawyer appointed as incumbent of UNESCO Chair in Education Law in Africa

Media Office
Posted on 07 May 2013

The Director of the Centre for Child Law at the University of Pretoria, Prof Ann Skelton, has been appointed as the incumbent of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation's (UNESCO) Chair in Education Law in Africa.

- [Well-known children's rights lawyer appointed as incumbent of UNESCO Chair in Education Law in Africa](#)
- [Well-known children's rights lawyer appointed as incumbent of UNESCO Chair in Education Law in Africa](#)

South Africa has achieved liberation, but no equality yet - Reverend Jesse Jackson

Media Office
Posted on 30 Apr 2013

The struggle for equality in South Africa is not yet over, says renowned American civil rights activist, Reverend Jesse Jackson. He warned the country not to celebrate apartheid's end prematurely as it still has deep layers which need to be addressed.

- [South Africa has achieved liberation, but no equality yet - Reverend Jesse Jackson](#)
- [Suid-Afrika is vry, dog nog nie gelyk - eerwaarde Jesse Jackson](#)

Malaria deaths show downturn

Media Office
Posted on 25 Apr 2013

South Africa has made considerable progress in malaria control in the past decade, says Prof Tiaan de Jager, Director of the Centre for Sustainable Malaria Control at the University of Pretoria (UP).

- [Malaria deaths show downturn](#)
- [Malariasterftes neem af](#)

Academics honoured at the University of Pretoria

Media Office
Posted on 25 Apr 2013

The University of Pretoria paid tribute to its academics from various fields of study for their outstanding research endeavours. Thirty researchers were honoured for their contribution to quality education and research at this year's Academic Achievers Awards held on 24 April 2013.

- [Academics honoured at the University of Pretoria](#)
- [Akademici vereer by Universiteit Pretoria](#)

Keeping South Africa's immunisation effort on track

Media Office
Posted on 19 Apr 2013

The University of Pretoria's Department of Virology will mark World Immunisation Week with an awareness-raising lecture on preventing influenza.

- [Keeping South Africa's immunisation effort on track](#)
- [Keeping South Africa's immunisation effort on track](#)

TuksFM showcases the best in SA campus radio at 2013 MTN Radio Awards

Media Office
Posted on 17 Apr 2013

Tuks FM attended the 2013 MTN Radio Awards presented at a Gala Banquet at the Sandton Convention Centre on Saturday, 13 April. The station was awarded the prestigious Campus Station of the Year award for the second consecutive year.

- [TuksFM showcases the best in SA campus radio at 2013 MTN Radio Awards](#)
- [TuksFM die beste in SA kampusradio by MTN se Radiotoekennings vir 2013](#)

American Junk & Euro Trash - Written and directed by Myer Taub

Media Office
Posted on 12 Apr 2013

AMERICAN JUNK & EURO TRASH is a double bill of two short plays by Myer Taub. The Play American Junk was first performed eight years ago in Cape Town in a bar called Hectic on Hope. Taub specifically wrote the play so as to be performed as site specific in a bar. It is a strange comedy with kidnappings, beheadings, plane crashes, Hollywood, brothers and bars. Taub was keen to revive this play as part of his vision to intervene in the world of theatre that can produce and initiate new and alternate dramatic encounters.

- [American Junk & Euro Trash - Written and directed by Myer Taub](#)
- [American Junk & Euro Trash - Geskryf en geregisseer deur Myer Taub](#)

Prof Sathekge elected president of international society for nuclear medicine

Media Office
Posted on 12 Apr 2013

The Head of The Department of Nuclear Medicine at the University of Pretoria, Prof Mike Sathekge, was unanimously elected as the fifth president of the International Society for Nuclear Medicine (ISORBE) following the society's 16th congress, hosted by the University from 21-22 March 2013. During the congress, specialists from 14 countries, 15 international speakers addressed the delegates on a wide range of topics.

- [Prof Sathekge elected president of international society for nuclear medicine](#)
- [Prof Sathekge verkies tot president van internasionale vereniging vir kerngeneeskunde](#)

Olympic Gold Medallist receives honours degree from UP

Media Office
Posted on 12 Apr 2013

It was a great challenge. This is how Matthew Brittain described his schedule last year when he was preparing for his participation in the 2012 Olympics while simultaneously working to obtain his honours degree in Economics at the University of Pretoria (UP).

- [Olympic Gold Medallist receives honours degree from UP](#)
- [Olympic Gold Medallist receives honours degree from UP](#)

Mr Ben Alberts passed away

Media Office
Posted on 10 Apr 2013

It is with sadness that the University of Pretoria (UP) has learned of the passing of Mr Ben Alberts, alumnus, member of the Convocation and former member of the Senate.

- [Mr Ben Alberts passed away](#)
- [Afsterwe van mnr Ben Alberts](#)

UP awards honorary doctorate to Prof Sampie Terreblanche

Media Office
Posted on 10 Apr 2013

The University of Pretoria will award Prof Sampie Terreblanche an honorary doctorate (DCom, honoris causa) during the University's Autumn Graduation Ceremony.

- [UP awards honorary doctorate to Prof Sampie Terreblanche](#)
- [UP ken eredoktorsgraad aan prof Sampie Terreblanche toe](#)

UP receives a collection of books to enhance theology and science debates

Media Office

Posted on 09 Apr 2013

The University of Pretoria's Faculty of Theology has received a collection of 224 books from the International Society for Science and Religion. The books will contribute to debates and research in the fields of science and religion in the Faculty.

- [UP receives a collection of books to enhance theology and science debates](#)
- [UP ontvang 'n boekeversameling om gespreksvoering oor teologie en wetenskap te onderskraag](#)

New home for the Mammal Research Institute (MRI) and Mathematics

Media Office

Posted on 09 Apr 2013

In order to develop research and postgraduate education at the University, we need to create an enabling environment for our staff and students. MRI and Mathematics in the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences is an excellent example of our commitment to this goal. This will expand our facilities, which form part of the University's long term strategy (UP 2025). It will also promote the increase in the number of students in the Science, Technology and Innovation knowledge field. These were some of the comments shared by the Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Prof Cheryl de la Rey, at the official opening ceremony in 2013.

- [New home for the Mammal Research Institute \(MRI\) and Mathematics](#)
- ['n Nuwe tuiste vir die Soogdiernavorsingsinstituut \(SNI\) en Wiskunde](#)

Triplet medical doctors graduate from the University of Pretoria

Media Office

Posted on 09 Apr 2013

Triplet sisters Elana, Carla and Marli van Heerden graduated together as medical practitioners at the University of Pretoria's autumn graduation ceremony.

- [Triplet medical doctors graduate from the University of Pretoria](#)
- [Doktersdrieling gradueer aan die Universiteit van Pretoria](#)

University of Pretoria hands degrees to largest ever group of graduates including Olympic gold medallist and triplet doctors

Media Office

Posted on 04 Apr 2013

A total of 11 348 graduates will receive their degrees and diplomas in the coming weeks during the University of Pretoria's Autumn Graduation Ceremony on Campus - the largest group of graduates ever at UP.

- [University of Pretoria hands degrees to largest ever group of graduates including Olympic gold medallist and triplet doctors](#)
- [Die Universiteit van Pretoria reik grade uit aan grootste groep graduandi ooit onder meer aan wenner van Olimpiese goue medaille](#)

UP awards honorary doctorate of literature to Prof Njabulo Simakahle Ndebele

Media Office

Posted on 04 Apr 2013

Prof Njabulo Simakahle Ndebele added to his impressive list of honorary doctorates and awards this week when he received a Doctor of Literature from the University of Pretoria (UP).

- [UP awards honorary doctorate of literature to Prof Njabulo Simakahle Ndebele](#)
- [UP vereer prof Njabulo Simakahle Ndebele met 'n eredoktorsgraad in letterkunde](#)

Portuguese language and teacher training at University of Pretoria

Media Office

Posted on 26 Mar 2013

Of the top ten principal mother tongues in the world, Portuguese ranks fifth and is of considerable strategic importance to South Africa, especially in countries like Mozambique and Angola and a strong relationship with Brazil. In addition, Portuguese is one of the official languages of SADC, the Southern African Development Community, and the United Nations.

- [Portuguese language and teacher training at University of Pretoria](#)
- [Portuguese language and teacher training at University of Pretoria](#)

Tuks responds to Varsity Cup dispute

Media Office

Posted on 20 Mar 2013

The reports in Media24 regarding Tuks and the Varsity Cup dispute concern a single player. The University of Pretoria (UP) would like to state that it properly inform the public. Press releases explaining the situation that were issued by Tuks over the past weekend were, unfortunately, not published.

- [Tuks responds to Varsity Cup dispute](#)
- [Tuks reageer op Varsitybeker-dispuut](#)

Social workers promote social and economic equality

Media Office

Posted on 19 Mar 2013

Social workers stand central in the 2030 Vision of the National Development Plan (NDP) to eliminate poverty and reduce inequality. Having adopted in 1997, social work has renewed its commitment to social justice and human rights. Yet, more deliberate action is required by social workers to vulnerable groups socially and economically excluded. More success stories of social workers in standing up against injustices and embracing success are heard in order to be recognised as significant contributors to integrated social and economic development.

- [Social workers promote social and economic equality](#)
- [Maatskaplike werkers bevorder maatskaplike en ekonomiese gelykheid](#)

University of Pretoria and partners launch a book on HIV and TB drug resistance

Media Office
Posted on 19 Mar 2013

Drug resistance is one of the main challenges confronting HIV and TB programmes in Africa. Facing these challenges requires an understanding as well as up-to-date knowledge of how to diagnose and manage drug resistance in HIV and TB patients. It is against this background that the University of KwaZulu-Natal, the Medical Research Council (MRC), the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of South Africa, and the University of Pretoria have launched HIV and TB drug resistance and clinical management case book.

- [University of Pretoria and partners launch a book on HIV and TB drug resistance](#)
- [Universiteit van Pretoria en vennote stel 'n boek vry oor weerstand teen middels wat gebruik word om MIV en tuberkulose te behandel](#)

Eskom's big conundrum

Media Office
Posted on 18 Mar 2013

Pretoria, 18 March 2013. With state-owned electricity provider Eskom scrambling to resolve the problems besetting its Medupi Power Station and urging South Africans to save energy, the question being asked is whether energy surplus may not be a reality in 2030.

- [Eskom's big conundrum](#)
- [Eskom se groot strikvraag](#)

TUKS reacts to Varsity Cup dispute

Media Office
Posted on 17 Mar 2013

The University of Pretoria (UP) wishes to state its position regarding the dispute declared by Varsity Cup and provide further clarification in response to the dispute, including a press statement from Varsity Cup itself.

- [TUKS reacts to Varsity Cup dispute](#)
- [TUKS reacts to Varsity Cup dispute](#)

The world marks Glaucoma Week

Media Office
Posted on 13 Mar 2013

World Glaucoma Week takes place from 10 to 16 March 2013 and it is a time that we, as eye healthcare workers globally, commit to raise awareness referred to as a "silent thief" of sight. Indeed, it creeps in like a thief and "snatches away" sight silently and painlessly.

- [The world marks Glaucoma Week](#)
- [Die wêreld vier Gloukoomweek](#)

Two world-renowned jurists give prestige lectures on expropriation and packaging at University of Pretoria

Media Office
Posted on 12 Mar 2013

The Department of Private Law in the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria (UP) will present two lectures on Wednesday, 13 March 2013.

- [Two world-renowned jurists give prestige lectures on expropriation and packaging at University of Pretoria](#)
- [Twee wêreldbekende regsgeleerdes lewer prestige-lesings oor onteiening en verpakking by Universiteit van Pretoria](#)

Translators of bibles for the deaf and Ndebeles honoured at

Media Office
Posted on 12 Mar 2013

The Department of Old Testament Studies of the Faculty of Theology at the University of Pretoria (UP) will later this week give academic recognition to pioneering work in Bible translation and their contribution to the Department and Faculty.

- [Translators of bibles for the deaf and Ndebeles honoured at](#)
- [Vertalers van bybels vir dowes en ndebeles by](#)

TUKS FM attempts world record for longest show

Media Office
Posted on 11 Mar 2013

Tuks FM 107.2 will be setting up studio in Hatfield Square, Pretoria in an attempt to break the world record for "The Longest Marathon for a Radio Station" which currently sits at 74 hours 03 minutes. Tuks FM hopes to make the Guinness World Record with the on air stunt between 15 and 18 March 2013 current record set in the UK earlier this year. The record is for the longest time to act as a DJ or a continuity announcer during a live radio broadcast of two. Tuks FM's Bang Bang Breakfast show host Alex Caige, alongside fellow jock Cassy Clarke will attempt the marathon broadcast.

- [TUKS FM attempts world record for longest show](#)
- [TUKS FM attempts world record for longest show](#)

GDP: Gross domestic product or problem?

Media Office
Posted on 11 Mar 2013

Gross domestic product (GDP) is arguably the best-known and most powerful statistic in the contemporary world. It drives government policy or education. Yet, perhaps for the first time since its inception in the 1930s, more and more people regard this popular icon of economic growth as

- [GDP: Gross domestic product or problem?](#)
- [BBP: Bruto binnelandse produk of probleem?](#)

No cure for glaucoma, as yet - Have your eyes tested regularly

Media Office
Posted on 08 Mar 2013

Pretoria, 9 March 2013. The start of World Glaucoma Week has once again highlighted the importance of regular eye tests as the first step towards glaucoma.

- [No cure for glaucoma, as yet -Have your eyes tested regularly](#)
- [No cure for glaucoma, as yet -Have your eyes tested regularly](#)

Health and well-being of UP students in the spotlight

Media Office
Posted on 07 Mar 2013

The University's Piazza at the Student Centre was abuzz with students as they took their time to attend to the most neglected part of their being and undertook screening tests for various health risks such as blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar, also confirming their blood group. The Student Health and Wellness organised by the Department of Student Affairs.

- [Health and well-being of UP students in the spotlight](#)
- [Gesondheid en welstand van UP-studente in die kollig](#)

UP receives SARChI Chair in Mathematical Models and Methods in Bioengineering and Biosciences

Martie Meyer
Posted on 04 Mar 2013

The University is proud to be the recipient of the SARChI Chair in Mathematical Models and Methods in Bioengineering and Biosciences. Prof J mathematician who is currently the Head of the Department of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics, will lead this prestigious Research Chair

- [UP receives SARChI Chair in Mathematical Models and Methods in Bioengineering and Biosciences](#)
- [UP kry 'n SARChI-leerstool in Wiskundige Modelle en Metodes in Bio-ingenieurswese en Biowetenskappe](#)

SARChI Chair in Sustainable Malaria Control awarded to UP

Martie Meyer
Posted on 04 Mar 2013

UP is one of the leading institutions in malaria research in South Africa, recognised for its focus on malaria parasite biology, functional genomics; innovative vector control strategies and public health and community engagement. This is just one of the many reasons why the University was Chairs Initiative (SARChI) Chair in Sustainable Malaria Control with a budget of R1,5 million per year, funded by the Department of Science and Research Foundation (NRF).

- [SARChI Chair in Sustainable Malaria Control awarded to UP](#)
- [SARChI Leerstoel in Volhoubare Malariabeheer aan UP toegeken](#)

University of Pretoria conducts lifestyle research for diabetic patients

Media Office
Posted on 01 Mar 2013

The University of Pretoria's Department of Internal Medicine at Kalafong Hospital has embarked on a study to evaluate the impact of a lifestyle Department oversees the Diabetes Clinic and its research. This study endeavours to promote a healthy lifestyle among diabetic patients who are A further aim is to reach out to others in the community who are affected by this chronic condition.

- [University of Pretoria conducts lifestyle research for diabetic patients](#)
- [Universiteit van Pretoria doen lewenstylnavorsing oor pasiënte met diabetes](#)

Prestigious AU award for Prof Mike Wingfield

Martie Meyer
Posted on 25 Feb 2013

Prof Mike Wingfield, Director of the Forestry and Agricultural Biotechnology Institute (FABI) in the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, is Union (AU) Continental Scientific Award in the Life and Earth Sciences category.

- [Prestigious AU award for Prof Mike Wingfield](#)
- [Hoë AU-toekening vir Prof Mike Wingfield](#)

International mother language day - Why do we celebrate mother language?

Media Office
Posted on 21 Feb 2013

The 21st of February is a significant day for the languages of the world. This day is celebrated throughout the world as International Mother Language Day when UNESCO's General Conference launched it to promote linguistic and cultural diversity. Languages of the world are disappearing at an alarming rate. Researchers have shown that one's mother language also known as mother tongue, is a key to attaining quality education, practical knowledge and developing self-identity and awareness. Indigenous languages, however, remain an endangered species.

- [International mother language day - Why do we celebrate mother language?](#)
- [Internasionale moedertaaldag - Waarom vier ons moedertaal?](#)

Attitudes to African languages biggest hindrance to growth

Media Office
Posted on 20 Feb 2013

African languages will continue to decline unless they are seen to be important in providing access to economic opportunities. This is the view of Linguistics at the University of Pretoria (UP), speaking on International Mother Language Day (Thursday 21 February).

- [Attitudes to African languages biggest hindrance to growth](#)
- [Houding'n hindernis vir Afrika-tale se groei](#)

'Let's create a better learning community this year' □ Prof Cheryl de la Rey

Media Office
Posted on 19 Feb 2013

Vice-Chancellor of the University of Pretoria, Prof Cheryl de la Rey, officially opened the 2013 academic year and also led University staff in cel anniversary. She delivered a 'State of the University Address' mirroring the previous day's State of the Nation Address by President Jacob Zuma.

- ['Let's create a better learning community this year' □ Prof Cheryl de la Rey](#)
- ['Kom ons skep 'n beter leergemeenskap vanjaar' □ prof Cheryl de la Rey](#)

Mamelodi Campus Science Reading Room selected as one of the seven leading centres in the world

Media Office
Posted on 11 Feb 2013

The Mae Jemison US Science Reading Room at the University of Pretoria □s Mamelodi Campus has been selected as one of seven □Model Ar project conducted by the Smithsonian Institution on behalf of the United States State Department. The Smithsonian Institution is the world □s lar 19 museums, nine research centres, and more than 140 affiliated museums around the world.

- [Mamelodi Campus Science Reading Room selected as one of the seven leading centres in the world](#)
- [Mamelodi-kampus se Wetenskapleeskamer aangewys as een van die sewe mees vooraanstaande sentra in die wêreld](#)

Tuks RAG procession 2013

Media Office
Posted on 11 Feb 2013

Most students have returned for the start of the University of Pretoria's 2013 academic year and, as is true to tradition, the Tuks RAG Processio

- [Tuks RAG procession 2013](#)
- [Tuks Jooloptog 2013](#)

New department of Marketing Management is 'On the Move'

Media Office
Posted on 06 Feb 2013

Melinda Bam, Miss South Africa 2011, was one. So was Olympic Gold medallist John Smith and new 94.7 Highveld DJ, Alex Caige. Not to men all were successful students in Marketing Management at the University of Pretoria (UP).

- [New department of Marketing Management is 'On the Move'](#)
- [Nuwe Departement Bemarkingsbestuur begin jaar op 'n drafstap.](#)

Tuks RAG Procession 2013

Media Office
Posted on 05 Feb 2013

Many students are back for the start of the University of Pretoria □s 2013 academic year and, as is true to tradition, the Tuks RAG Procession w Calendar. The procession will take place on Saturday, 9 February, with pre-procession judging at around 09:30.

- [Tuks RAG Procession 2013](#)
- [Tuks Joopoptog 2013](#)

Welcoming Day 2013

Media Office
Posted on 30 Jan 2013

More than 10 000 first year students accompanied by family and friends flocked to the University campuses on Saturday 26 January for UP □s a

- [Welcoming Day 2013](#)
- [Verwelkomingsdag 2013](#)

Tuks crowned kings of USSA Football National Club Championships

Media Office
Posted on 23 Jan 2013

The University of Pretoria men □s student team has won the 2012 University Sport South Africa Football National Club Championships, held from Western Cape.

- [Tuks crowned kings of USSA Football National Club Championships](#)
- [Tuks seëvier by die USSA Nasionale Klubsokker □kampioenskapstoernooi](#)

National and international experts discuss access and success in higher education

Media Office

Posted on 17 Jan 2013

Queues of hopeful school leavers trying to gain access to universities last week renewed the awareness of the opportunities and challenges facing learning, specifically pertaining to student access and success.

- [National and international experts discuss access and success in higher education](#)
- [Plaaslike en internasionale kundiges besprek toegang en sukses in hoër onderwys](#)

Philippa Kotzé's death a great loss for UP

Media Office

Posted on 11 Jan 2013

Philippa was a great asset to the University. She will be fondly remembered by all the musicians she came into contact with, as well as her many friends.

- [Philippa Kotzé's death a great loss for UP](#)
- [Phillippa Kotzé se dood 'n groot verlies vir UP](#)