



The South African Council for the Project and Construction Management Professions

— CONSTRUCTING NEW PERSPECTIVES —

## Media Release

### **SACPCMP Encourages and Rewards Trailblazers at Nelson Mandela University Awards Ceremony**

**Port Elizabeth, Wednesday, 10 April 2019** - Not one but three young minds from the Nelson Mandela University have received an added boost to their chosen career paths from the South African Council for the Project and Construction Management Professions (SACPCMP) this week.

As part of its student outreach programme, SACPCMP has sponsored a selection of awards at university's annual prize giving event, held in Port Elizabeth on 10 April 2019. The awards form part of the Council's Student Chapter initiative, which looks to promote its youth engagement within the industry and encourage a sustainable pipeline of professionals entering the project and construction management sectors in South Africa.

The awards were presented by SACPCMP registrar, Mr. Butcher Matutle, the guest speaker at the prestigious event, who commented: "Nelson Mandela said "No country can really develop unless its citizens are educated." And this is so true of our country, especially today. As stakeholders in the construction industry, we want to see the youth involved in construction and not destruction. These are critical and much needed public assets for the development and growth of our communities."

"Today I see before me young people with vast reserves of potential. I see before me young people who will harness all their energy to take full advantage of such potential and to streamline the Project and Construction Management profession. What does this translate to? It translates to growing the economy. This in turn translates to better opportunities for the future generations, like your children. It translates to a better quality of life for your parents, siblings, friends, family and fellow men. If you, as young and responsible citizens do not maximize the benefits for a transformed and improved society, we shall all simply stagnate and so too will our economy as well as our lifestyles."

Mr. Matutle commended not only the students but also their support system - lecturers, parents, family and community members, who no doubt, he said, contributed to their success.

"It is interesting to see so many talented young people who are keen on pursuing studies and who are accompanied by parents and family," he continued. "At the SACPCMP we have a tag line that says, "Constructing new perspectives." Our value proposition is also summed up in three words, "Develop, grow, prosper." I liken your situation today to the SACPCMP. You are accompanied by family members who today bear witness to your "constructing new perspectives" and to your determination to develop, grow and prosper."

The SACPCMP-sponsored prizes were awarded to:

Khaka Mnandisi Nonyongo, the student with the highest mark in Price Analysis and Estimating III;

Mamodiki Jacobeth Rammekwa, the student with the highest mark in Construction Technology I;

Estina Chipato, for the 'Best BSc Honours Construction Management Treatise'.

"The SACPCMP has taken strides not only in the professional space but they also thought of the future. It was with you in mind that the SACPCMP initiated the Student Chapter, a bridge between student, candidate and professional!" added Mr. Matutle.

He urged students to join this Chapter and actively participate in the profession so that it would evolve exponentially: "We hope to contribute to changing the landscape of the built environment and create a foundation for young people like yourselves to build upon. Interact with us and be trailblazers in setting the tone for future development and growth!"

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#### **Note to Editors**

The South African Council for the Project and Construction Management Professions (SACPCMP) is empowered by section 18 of Act No. 48 of 2000 to certify, register and regulate the Project and Construction Management Professions.



(Above) Estina Chipato receives the award for 'Best BSc Honours Construction Management Treatise'.



Rethabile Nkoe received an award for the Student Who Has Shown Determination in Maintaining a Good Standard in Studies Through Difficult Circumstances.



(Above) SACPCMP Registrar, Mr. Butcher Matutle received a gift of thanks from representatives of the Nelson Mandela University.



(Above) Mamodiki Jacobeth Rammekwa received the awards for Student with the Highest Mark in Construction Technology I



(Above) SACPCMP Registrar, Mr. Butcher Matutle was the guest speaker at the Nelson Mandela University annual awards ceremony.



(Above) Khaka Mnandisi Nonyongo receives the prize for Student with the Highest Mark in Price Analysis and Estimating III



(Above) Prof. Winston Shakantu, Director of School: Built Environment, presenting the welcome address at the Nelson Mandela University annual awards ceremony.

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