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Alumnus wins BMF Award

The Black Management Forum (BMF) Western Cape held its Manager of the Year Awards Dinner at the Mount Nelson on 14 September. The Manager of the Year is the Black Management Forum's premier annual event to showcase managerial excellence and recognise amongst others, the winner and finalists for social transformation in their respective organisations. The award was won by GSB alumnus Wallace Manyara from Nightingale Associates Architects (NAA).

Manyara, a Business Development Manager at NAA, won the Manager of the Year award having resisted fierce competition from two very talented individuals namely Themba Ngada, a Marketing Manager at the City of Cape Town and Teral Cullen, Director of 2010 for the City of Cape Town, also a GSB alumnus.

The finalists were nominated by BMF members and having fulfilled all the requirements they went through separate interviews conducted by a panel of adjudicators. Three finalists were selected.

Manyara joined NAA in 2004 as an Architectural Assistant after a long stint studying and working in the UK. He worked for a number of large UK architectural companies that included CHQ Partnership and Mouchel Parkman.

In October 2004, he was appointed as the IT and CAD Manager at NAA – this is a position he held until June 2006 when he joined a local technology company as Operations and Projects Manager.

He then returned to NAA as a Business Development Manager in March 2007 to spearhead the South African operations of the busi-

ness and their commitment to developing functional and sustainable healthcare and education facilities.

Manyara, who studied architecture in the United Kingdom (UK), recently completed the Associate in Management (AIM) programme at the GSB and he is currently completing his Post Graduate Diploma in Business Administration (PDBA) at the Business School.

As a recipient of the IOD bursary, he seeks to assist other talented and disadvantaged individuals to further their studies.

The BMF Manager of the Year Awards serve to acknowledge and recognise managerial excellence in a manner that would add value to the BMF and the finalists.

They are a vehicle to create awareness and a strategic public profile for the BMF and its strategic partners and present to the community at large pioneering role models in managerial leadership.

They also serve to create a public profile for the finalists and the winner and celebrate managerial leadership.



MBA grad follows his dream



Born and raised in Germany, Tino Mueller (MBA 2005) has come a long way and not merely in distance. After graduating with a Mechanical Engineering qualification in Germany in 2002, Mueller arrived in South Africa three years later ready to begin an MBA at the GSB. He is now playing a key role at Skyrove, a young technology start-up.

"I have always had a passion for business and entrepreneurship and felt that I would be doing myself an injustice not to pursue my dream," he says.

"When the Skyrove opportunity came along I knew that it was the right move. They were looking for someone with the skills and abilities but also someone who could develop the business and see

the bigger picture."

Skyrove is a young technology start-up founded by UCT graduate Henk Kleynhans and enables providers to install their own Wi-Fi hot spots. They then charge users for internet usage per megabyte – rather than by the usual method of charging for the time they spend online.

In a short space of time the company has won the Enablis Entrepreneur Challenge and the Technology Top 100 award for the most promising emerging enterprise. Skyrove has also joined forces with Cape Venture Partners.

"The GSB MBA gave me the sound business knowledge that I needed and together with my engineering background I am now able to incorporate systems thinking with business savvy to make a valuable contribution at Skyrove," says Mueller.

Marriages and Engagements

Luc Henry (MBA 2005) is delighted to announce his marriage to Karin on 7 July in Sweden.

David Loos and Gillian Howard, both part-time MBA graduates from the class of 2004/05, this September announced their engagement.

Updates

Update from Patrick Gibson:

"Just to let you know that it is now about two years since I formed Precision Networks and despite it being as tough to get a start-up off the ground as predicted while doing the MBA, things are slowly going from strength to strength. The latest exciting news is I have started a blogspot (called IT Roadblog)" - Email Patrick on patrickg@precisionnetworks.co.za. More info on the company can be found at www.precisionnetworks.co.za.

Update from Richard Morgan-Grenville:

"I work for a company called Strika Entertainment. We make kids comics and cartoons. You might have seen the football comic Supa Strikas – that's one of ours. I run Latin America for Strika looking after everything really from Finance and Marketing to making the tea. We are now in five countries over here" - Contact Richard at richard@strika.com.