



KZN TOP BUSINESS PORTFOLIO AWARDS 2012



ALL THE FINALISTS AND WINNERS

"The high standard of entries made the selection process very difficult. FNB and the KZN Top Business Portfolio congratulate all nominees, finalists and winners on their participation in the awards and wish them well in their future endeavours."
— Lalita Dhasiar-Ventura, co-publisher of the KZN Top Business Portfolio.

TOURISM

THE finalists in the tourism sector were Southern Sun Elangeni Hotel, Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife, and Suncoast Casino, Hotel & Entertainment.

Southern Sun Elangeni Hotel has consistently excelled in providing high quality service over its years of operation.

Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife, a world leader in the field of biodiversity conservation and eco-tourism, is responsible for 28 percent of the coastline and 8.36 percent of the total land area of KZN.

WINNER – Suncoast Casino, Hotel & Entertainment

Suncoast Casino, Hotel & Entertainment is a key element in the rejuvenation of Durban's Golden Mile. Boasting 8.3 million visitors per annum, Suncoast plays a significant role in taking care of KZN's economic wellbeing. The prime tourist destination celebrates its 10th birthday in 2012.



Andrew Iumba (second from left) receives Suncoast Casino, Hotel & Entertainment's award. With him on stage are (from left) Howard Arrand, Cllr Stanley Xulu, Peggie Pillay, Lalita Dhasiar-Ventura and Grant Adlam.

MUNICIPAL

WINNER – eThekweni Municipality

Durban's position as a conventions and event city has been cemented through events such as the 2010 Fifa World Cup, Tourism Indaba, Cop17 and the Top Gear Festival – all of which have brought huge economic benefits to the city's economy. Durban is now the fastest-growing tourism city in Africa and one of the fastest-growing tourism destinations in the world.



Philip Sithole and Cllr Logie Naidoo (second and third from left, respectively) receive eThekweni Municipality's award. They are joined by (from left) Howard Arrand, Cllr Stanley Xulu, Peggie Pillay, Lalita Dhasiar-Ventura and Grant Adlam.

GOVERNMENT SECTOR

THE award for social economic empowerment by a KZN government department went to the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Finance. Driven by MEC Ina Cronje, the Financial Literacy Programme aims to reduce poverty by expanding social and economic opportunity for all citizens of KwaZulu-Natal through the financial education of government employees, in-school youth, out-of-school youth, SMMEs and women.



Leslie Simiso Magagula, Head of KZN Treasury (second from left) is congratulated on the KZN Department of Finance's award by Peggie Pillay. With them are Howard Arrand, Cllr Stanley Xulu, Lalita Dhasiar-Ventura and Grant Adlam.

KZN TOP BRAND

A large number of well-known brands have been grown from within KZN and have made an indelible mark on consumer behaviour. As selected by the people of KwaZulu-Natal and further afield through an online poll, the 10 finalists were:

- Clover
- East Coast Radio
- Durban Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Imperial Armour
- KZN Oils
- Mzansi Electronics
- Saito Sewing Machines
- The Unlimited
- Three Cities Group
- Sparkport Pharmacy Group



WINNER – East Coast Radio
The winner was East Coast Radio, followed closely by second-placed Clover and third was The Unlimited.

ECR is KZN's top brand. Receiving the award is Vinay Narsi (second from left), who is joined by (from left) Howard Arrand, Cllr Stanley Xulu and Lalita Dhasiar-Ventura.

FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES

THE finalists in the financial and business services category, which includes research and development as well as general business activities, were Mzansi Electronics, immedia, and The Unlimited.

immedia is an app development studio which specialises in post-PC solutions. Its convictions lie in creating opportunities for passionate individuals in its community, growing local talent through mentorship and globally relevant training. It is changing the business landscape of Durban and its longstanding relationship with clients such as YFM, Computicket and DSTV is testimony to the trust placed in immedia.

Mzansi Electronics has established a strong presence in the greater Durban area, offering world-class services and security solutions in a skilled and professional manner.

WINNER – The Unlimited

Established in 1994, The Unlimited is a young and vibrant player in the financial services sector. This Durban-based business is distinguishing itself as an entrepreneurial, forward-thinking company that is shifting business thinking for its people, its customers, its strategic business partners, its shareholders and the community. The Unlimited aims to create customers for life. This customer-centric approach has resulted in a strong annuity base of over 450 000 customers that continues to grow every month.



Steph Bester, CEO of The Unlimited (second from left) receives the company's award. With him are (from left) Howard Arrand, Cllr Stanley Xulu, Peggie Pillay, Lalita Dhasiar-Ventura and Grant Adlam.

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

THE finalists in the social and community services category, which includes health and service activities, promotion activities as well as public and private education of all types, were The Association for the Aged (TAFTA), PC Training and Business School and the Chaîne Des Rotisseurs Foundation Trust.

TAFTA is a high-performing organisation that reaches out to thousands of older people in need of services and care on a monthly basis.

The Chaîne Des Rotisseurs Foundation Trust, through the Ikusasa School of Cooking provides an opportunity for underprivileged youth to undergo a year's free training in the catering and hospitality industry. Practical training is essential and this is provided through partners that include The Oyster Box Hotel, Elangeni Hotel and Market Restaurant.



Rakesh Jugemath (second from left) is congratulated on PC Training & Business College's win by Peggie Pillay. With them are (from left) Howard Arrand, Cllr Stanley Xulu, Lalita Dhasiar-Ventura and Grant Adlam.

WINNER – PC Training and Business College

PC Training and Business College is recognised as a leading private provider of education and training in KZN that has developed a culture of excellence and innovation.

PCT&BC - 2012 finalist FNB/KZN Top Business Portfolio Awards (Social & Community Services Sector Category)

PC Training and Business College seeks to enhance people's lives and develop communities by providing opportunities to upskill individual potential and by delivering comprehensive services that maximises the well-being of all. While Community Engagement is a core responsibility of PC Training and Business College, it has an altruistic opportunity of serving the



previously disadvantaged communities. The Institution believes that the support services offered, carry their own rewards beyond the obvious and tangible; hence, community engagement activities form an integral component of all teaching and learning activities. All staff and students engage willingly and unselfishly in a host of activities ranging from working with orphanages, shelter kids, donating blood, health and feeding schemes, providing free tuition & providing bursaries among a host of other support services to the vulnerable people whose special conditions put them in positions of weakness in comparison to the mainstream of society. The Institution visits over 300 schools each year providing free career guidance. This also brings about a sense of togetherness, fun and laughter and the message "Your Gateway to a better life".



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