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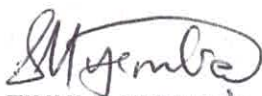
**SUBJECT :** **Partnership with Street Law, UKZN School of Law: Moot Court Competition for High Schools**

**ATTENTION :** Dr Janine Hicks

1. It is with much enthusiasm that I on behalf of the Luthuli Museum, I convey sincere gratitude and appreciation for the prestigious opportunity that the University of KwaZulu Natal, School of Law - Street Law affords the Luthuli Museum by partnering with in the Moot Court Competition for high schools in preparing learners to enter the Department of Basic Education's National Schools Moot Court Competition.
2. The University's support of this competition does not only assist the Luthuli Museum meet the objectives and the outcome set out to uphold the legacy of Chief Albert Luthuli; teachings about South African Law and make the museum a platform for robust dialogue; it also moulds the participants to becoming young South African Law enforcers that they would not have been without this opportunity.
3. Each year, as it unfolds, the museum engages in collaborative programmes and partnerships to ensure that the commemoration of the life of Chief Albert Luthuli and Mrs. Nokukhanya Luthuli is experienced and remembered by South Africans at large and all those who hold dear his contribution to the building of a better world for all.
4. This special partnership started almost a decade ago with a team of UKZN Law School academics and Street Law students running workshops training the participating high school learners, on the Constitution and human rights, and how to prepare legal arguments.
5. The program is part of the Luthuli Museum's school capacity building programme and the UKZN School of Law Street Law programme which aims to create greater awareness in schools and communities (mostly disadvantaged communities) about the justice system, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and to encourage young learners to consider pursuing a career in law.
6. For this competition, the learners present legal arguments at the KwaDukuza Magistrate Court in KwaDukuza, in front of the presiding Magistrate and the judges. The winning pupil gets awarded a bursary by the Dean of the Law School; to undertake an LL B degree at University of KwaZulu Natal, should they wish to pursue a career in law.

7. The competition at the Magistrate Court prepares the learners to submit their essays in the Nationals Moot Court Competition. All our competitions have been a success, our first attempt at the National Moot Competition was in 2018. That was followed by a biggest achievement of this partnership in 2019 when the team that was trained by the university team; made up of learners from Mathubeszwe Secondary School, a school in rural Mandeni won the National Competition hosted by the Human Rights of South Africa at the University of Pretoria.
8. These learners formed a team with four other participants from other schools and won the 5th International School Moot Court Competition in Gdynia, Poland, and were congratulated by President Cyril Ramaphosa and named them Team South Africa.
9. Team South Africa was chosen from a great number of contestants who participated in the national school's moot court competition in September 2019. The contest produced a high level of research and public presentation by learners from a broad range of schools and backgrounds thanks to the university team.
10. Further, this partnership helps the museum meet one of its objectives to uphold the legacy of Chief Albert Luthuli and the teachings about South African history and its manifestation into South African Law. The Street Law students' articulate presentation of the law applicable to the competition is always informative. Without their support of this programme, all the initiative would have been in vain as they play an important role in ensuring its success. The knowledge that they share is a great stride in planning future competitions.
11. This program has yielded great positive impact and has made strong of the relationship the museum has with the schools in general, because of its uniqueness and popularity. It is very important for people to get informed on imperative issues of justice system and human rights and its application.
12. The University of KwaZulu Natal and Street Law's engagement in portraying Law as a profession and the way they are dedicated to the project is appreciated by the participants, the Luthuli Museum, Department of Basic Education, and the parents.
13. We are especially grateful by the way the university sees the importance of the existence of the Luthuli Museum and holds it in high regard. As much for appreciation for the university's contribution to this program, I would like to say that this collaboration has such great value in building our society in as far as creating awareness of the law is concerned.
14. Without the university's support of this programme, all the initiative would have been in vain as they play an important role in ensuring its success. This is a great milestone for the Museum in as far as enhancing education in high schools is concerned, gratitude is sent to you, for ensuring that law teachings are available at the grass root level.
15. I am available for any other further engagements on 032 559 6824 or email [profficer@luthulimuseum.org.za](mailto:profficer@luthulimuseum.org.za).

Yours faithfully



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