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BDO NEWS

A few words from Sujit

As we wrap up another successful academic year 2024, I wish to thank my staff, internal colleagues, customers, suppliers, and industry organizations for their continued support in allowing us to partner and collaborate in all our business development initiatives.

University of the Western Cape slogan, “From Hope to Action Through Knowledge”, has guided the team in aligning projects as per the university's goals included in the Institutional Operating Plan (IOP).

Political – the team has coped under the new Government of National Unity.

Economic - lower inflation and interest rates have started to boost business confidence.

Social - we have received more customer inquiries wanting to do business. Our staff is now fully complemented thanks to the efforts of our HR team in managing vacancies.

Technology – we have started small in a big way to get this newsletter going and thank our Institutional Advancement office for continued guidance and support with all our web pages and social media coverage.

Environmental - we welcome load shedding being suspended since 26 March 2024, as well as the Western Cape having recorded its highest rainfall since records began in 1960.

Legal - we have had to continuously keep abreast of new legislation to manage our food vendors for compliance, and fire escape guidelines in our newly acquired buildings.

Happy festive season everyone!

Sujit Bhagattjee

Director: Business Development Office








Employee Spotlight

Staff Birthdays

Join us in wishing our BDO colleagues a very happy birthday! We wish them all the best with an amazing year ahead. Many happy returns and a splendid year ahead.



-  Pumla Boo (Metro Cleaning office assistant): 04th July
-  Sujit Bhagattjee: 20th July
-  Ansaaf Diedericks: 28th August
-  Rizia Sunday: 01st October
-  Nashietah Ebrahim 26th October



Events and Activities

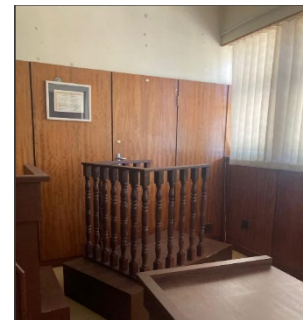
Venue Management Office (VMO): A Hub for Media Productions

Spotlight on Recent Film and Commercial Shoots at UWC

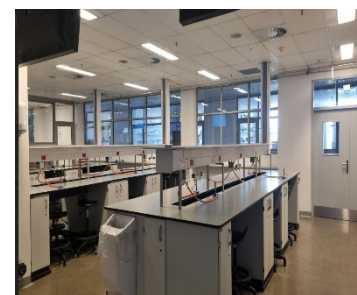
Applicant	Monkey Films
Product	MMC Insurance
Film Type:	Commercial Advertisement
Project Synopsis and Story Line	Insurance Company: Maternity Scene mocked at LFS Foyer and Botanist Laboratory scenes in the Science Labs
Shoot - Areas	LFS Building
Schedule	23 rd & 24 th October 2024



Applicant	Advantage
Product	Series: Escaping Bolivia
Film Type:	Netflix Series
Project Synopsis and Story Line	The series (based on a true story) reveals untold facts about the most talked about drug case in Norwegian history, and how three teenage girls get their lives turned upside down when making one incomprehensible mistake for two weeks of fun and luxury in Bolivia, on someone else's expense
Shoot - Areas	Senate Building
Schedule (TBC)	29th-30th October



Applicant	Dancing Light Productions
Product	Lottery
Film Type:	Commercial Advertisement
Project Synopsis and Story Line	Research Laboratory: Two Scientist are looking at something when one of them discovers that they have won the lottery
Shoot - Areas	LFS Lab
Schedule (TBC)	25 October



Applicant	Quizzical
Product	In Love
Film Type:	Netflix Series
Project Synopsis and Story Line	A love story ensues when Ovee, the spoiled rich son of a Cape Town industrialist and wine farm owner, meets an earnest young doctor, Ntsako, who he falls hopelessly in love with.
Shoot - Areas	Senate Building
Schedule (TBC)	10 th & 1 st October





Home Affairs – Staff and Student Mobile Services Initiative – 25 -27 September 2024



In a collaborative effort between, the Office of the Deputy Registrar, Human Resources Department and the Business Development Office, we are thrilled to report that having the Department of Home Affairs on campus to assist with staff and student identity cards was a resounding success!

The convenient and efficient services saved applicants time, and the effort of standing in long ques. With minimal waiting times and friendly officials eager to assist, the Home Affair experience was a pleasant, easy one.

We appreciate the collaborative initiative and look forward to a continuing partnership.

BOO Media Student Centre TV Campaign: May – November 2024

Media Campaigns:

- 1. Varsity Vibes - April 2024
- 2. Samsung - April 2024
- 3. Forever Wena - April 2024
- 4. National Basketball Association (NBA) - May 2024
- 5. Black Cat Peanut Butter - June 2024
- 6. Coca Cola - June 2024
- 7. Orbit bubble gum- June 2024
- 8. Fanta & co – June 2024
- 9. Mr Price Money – June 2024
- 10. Axe – July 2024
- 11. In-Driver App – 2024
- 12. MyWay Insurance – July 2024

UWC Food Truck Fiesta – 02 October 2024

Success of the Food Truck Fiesta from a Project Management Perspective

The Food Truck Fiesta was a resounding success, demonstrating the effectiveness of strategic project management in highlighting the essential role of small businesses within our community. The event saw significant growth, featuring a diverse lineup of food truck vendors that attracted a vibrant crowd of students and staff, showcasing their culinary offerings.

From a project management standpoint, the careful planning and execution of the fiesta provided a vital platform for small businesses to connect with potential customers, fostering local entrepreneurship and economic development. By creating opportunities for these vendors to showcase their brands, we not only enriched the campus experience but also cultivated a culture of collaboration and innovation.

We would like to extend our gratitude to all support staff and volunteers who contributed to the success of the second Food Truck Fiesta. Your hard work and dedication were crucial in ensuring a well-organized and enjoyable event. Together, we have not only enhanced our campus culture but also empowered small businesses to thrive, demonstrating the impactful outcomes that effective project management can achieve.

Thank you for your commitment!





Blood Squad Bus First Time Donors: 09- 10 October 2024



Location on campus: Parking Area behind Student Centre
“Driving Change, One Pint at a Time”: UWC's Blood Squad Bus Success

In a powerful display of UWC’s commitment to social responsibility, the Blood Squad Bus recently arrived on campus to an overwhelming response. Spearheaded by the Business Development Office, this initiative aimed to provide students and staff—especially first-time donors—with the chance to make a difference. The results were inspiring, with the bus exceeding its

target two days in a row. *“This initiative truly embodies the UWC spirit,”* said Rizia Sunday from the Business Development Office. *“I’m proud to be part of an institution that prioritizes giving back.”*

The success of the Blood Squad Bus shows the strength of collaboration and community-mindedness at UWC. Together, our students and staff demonstrate that business and social responsibility are inseparable.

Join the Movement: Stay tuned for future Blood Squad Bus events. Together, let’s continue creating a better future.
#IAmUWC #SocialResponsibility #BloodDonation #CommunityEngagement #CreatingABetterFuture

Departmental Updates

Projects in progress



BDO met with Guy Stehlik, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bon Hotels at ex-Konica Minolta site re the hospitality expertise that Brett Henricks advised the institution to. See below brief on him:

- He owns the Protea Hotel in Durbanville and Mowbray
- His core business is to manage hotels
- His business manages hotels in South African as well as other African countries
- For more information, refer to: <https://bonhotels.com/>

Figure 1: Laurian Cupido (BDO), Guy Stehlik (CEO Bon Hotels) & Sujit Bhagattjee (BDO)



BDO met with Brett Hendricks: Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Motsamayai Tourism Group for expertise on the ex-Konica Minolta Site. He is recognised for being:

- Alumni of UWC.
- Influential in the development and launch of notable ventures, including the Kruger Shalati: Train on the Bridge and Sanctuary Mandela.
- He has dedicated eight years to the Cape Town Tourism Board.
- Served as an alternate director on the Tourism Business Council of South Africa (TBCSA).
- Currently serves as a non-executive director for the Cape Town Stadium.
- For more information, refer to: <https://www.motsamayai.com/>

Figure 2: Laurian Cupido (BDO) & Brett Hendricks (COO Motsamayai Tourism)



Small Business Opportunities



Meeting with the City of Cape Town (COCT) Economic Development representatives at the University's Innovation Hub (UIH). The meeting was to discuss the possibility of looking for small business space.

Figure 3: COCT representatives with UWC Executive Director Finance & Services, CEI & Bus Development Office

Student Centre: New Pool Table Operator

It has been over a year since the Student Centre's students have been without Recreational Facilities; namely, the University's Pool Tables which were previously operated by Roland Meintjies who sadly passed away.

BDO was approached persistently by Frank de Bruin (Z and F Projects) who showed interest in being the students new Pool Table operator. He came with a business new model whereby he would be responsible for providing the coin Pool Tables and the maintenance thereof. These are referred to Union Billiards which are known for being the best coin operated Pool Tables in South Africa.

See link:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/32yQPrFRrMiRz7e7O9s0CQ?si=LTBsmBcSRy-YJ5VuCSb8KA&nd=1&dlsi=4e41d28ac2a64d75>



Figure 4: BDO with Frank de Bruin

Mitchells Plain Melomed Hospital – UWCs 1st Floor Dentistry Cafeteria

Site Visit between Pure Design, UWC Dentistry and UWC BDO at Mitchells Plain Melomed Hospital in the UWC owned section. The visit was check on the progress of the white box and fit out of the Cafeteria space on the first floor of the hospital. It was a productive session. Looking forward to accelerating this project in the remaining 14 weeks of 2024. Dentistry and Finance confirmed partnering on the budget for the fit out.



Figure 5: Pure Design Architects, UWC Dean of Dentistry & Business Development

Peninsula Beverages – 2025 Sponsorship



Business Development Office met with Peninsula Beverages (PenBev) regarding sponsorship budget for 2025. PenBev agreed to increase the exposure for future advertising initiatives. In addition, for big events such as Graduation and Open Day, promotional material to the value of R 50 000 can potentially be provided.

Figure 6: PenBev representatives with BDO



BDO Bankseta Meeting

On the 28th October, our BDO Director and Revenue team met with Bankseta representatives, Ms Mary Baloyi, Corporate Services Facility Management Specialist and her associate Ms Nobuzwe Mangcu who flew in from Johannesburg and Eastern Cape to discuss space to lease from UWC. They approached other universities however, we were the first to impress them. Bankseta prefers being in Bellville and we have shown them the old Absa building that UWC recently acquired.



Figure 7: UWC BDO with Bankseta reps

Greatmore Site: Potential Partnership with the University of Virginia (UVA)



BDO and Centre of Humanities Research (CHR) met with the University of Virginia (UVA). This was to discuss the possibility of UWC and UVA entering into a partnership. The intent is to develop joint research undertakings, co-teaching courses, organising symposiums/workshops, create academic internship opportunities, collaborating on research grant applications, etc.

Brew Dubs



BDO consulted legal advisers, Spoor and Fisher, who specialise in trademarking, copyright and patenting regarding the trademarking of the Brew Dubs logo.

Spoor and Fisher advised that the University trademark in line with 3 clauses:

- Classes 30 – coffee, tea, cocoa and derivatives as well as foodstuffs
- Class 35 – advertising
- Class 43 – services for providing food and drink

The Technology Transfer Office (TTO) Specialist: IP & Contracts, Monique Heystek commended BDO for the manner in which consultations were done with the legal advisers of which the classes selected perfectly aligns with the services provided by BrewDubs.

UWC Biokinetics – Privatization



BDO was approached to facilitate the change in ownership of the Biokinetics facility on campus. It is currently being operated by the Faculty of Community Health Sciences (CHS) Department of Sport, Recreation and Exercise Science, Mr Ghaleelullah Achmat. The facility will be contracted to Shaun Gray Bio kineticist in the new year.



United Nations (UN) Development Program of South Africa



Klariska Moodley, Head of Experimentation of the UN Development Programme (DP) contacted our offices requesting the BDO and CEI Directors for a UWC site tour.

The UN delegation visited the UIH building, UWC hotel & conference centre as well as the Community Health Science faculty in Bellville. This was to establish if either of these sites would be suited to host the UNDP Timbuktoo Hub which is part of a roll-out of the largest initiative in the world to support Innovation Ecosystem in Africa. The result of the visit sparked UNDP’s interest in the UIH Building. UWC will submit a proposal for consideration to host the Timbuktoo Hub.



Figure 8: UN Delegation with UWC CEI & BDO Directors

BOO Media Meeting



Business Development Office met with BOO! Media CEO Dave Mckenzie and Leigh-Anne Davids their Implementation Planning Manager on the 02 October to discuss key issues moving forward.

1. UWC usage requirements for the LED screen.
2. Campus Media to propose additional static media on campus for approval.
3. Exterior billboard opportunities.

Figure 9: L to R – Dave Mckenzie, Ansaaf, Laurian, Leigh-Anne & Sujit



Revenue Management Office

CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS:

Concluded Commercial Lease agreements:

- Student Centre: Z and F Projects re Pool Tables
- Barrington House: Anton van der Westerhuizen and Rushka Samuels
- Atlantic Vending: Tygerberg Dentistry Vending Machines
- Mitchells Plain Melomed Hospital: Honey Ds Catering

Pending Commercial Lease agreements:

- Vodacom
- Tygerberg Hospital: Princessa Cafeteria
- Fundi
- Levendal Investments
- Atlantic Vending: EMS & Life Science
- Standard Bank ATM: Student Centre
- ABSA, 32 Voortrekker Road, Bellville
- UWC Biokinetics – Privatization

Concludes Sponsorship Agreement

- Peninsula Beverages 2024



Figure 10: Preparations leading up to the Pool Table launch



Figure 11: UWC BDO with tenants at Barrington House



Figure 12: UWC BDO with tenants at Mitchells Plain

PROPERTIES

COMPLETED TRANSFERS:

ABSA Bank Ltd to UWC

- The property was confirmed to be registered in the UWC's name on 02 September 2024.
- Handover of the property took place on 4 September 2024.

Figure 13: ABSA Site Handover - UWC BDO (Laurian, Henry & Nashietah), UWC Infrastructure & Engineering (Johannes), Broll (Mark van As) and Bidvest (Basil Vosloo, Meagan Manie & Tshepo Molahloe)





Ex Pick ‘n Pay Bella Vista to UWC



- The property was confirmed to be registered in the UWC’s name on 20th September 2024.
- Handover of the property scheduled for 9 October 2024.

Figure 14: ex-Pick n Pay Bella Vista Site Handover - Watchprop (Craig Coetzee), UWC BDO (Nashietah, Henry & Laurian), UWC Infrastructure & Engineering (Mohamed) & UWC Rick & Compliance (Lehain Louw)

PROPERTY UNDER REVIEW: ASSET DISPOSAL

Riverton

- The disposal of the property has been approved by UWC Council.
- The property will be placed on the open market for sale to recover as close as possible the current holding costs and proceeds are earmarked to contribute to current student accommodation development projects.

SITE VISITS:

Riverpark

- BDO conducted a site visit at Riverpark and had the opportunity to congratulate one of the Sports Administration Female Football players who was part of the team who won the finals at the Confederation of African Football (CAF) Champions League.

Figure 15: Henry Arnolds, congratulating one of the UWC female football players staying at Riverpark residence



Gorvalla Flats

- BDO conducted a site visit at thr Gorvalla Lodge in Bellville which is consists of a block of flats.
- The inspection was to investigate the water and electricity which the University is incurring costs for.



Customer feedback

CUSTOMER Feedback



On behalf of the CI office, I would like to extend our heartfelt to all of you for your tremendous support! We had a very successful event this morning on the campus with our staff and students, and it wouldn't have been possible without your efforts and dedication. We are truly happy and proud to be part of UWC.

I will be sharing a Google Drive link for the pictures and videos shortly. Once again, thank you for your passion, hard work, and contributions. Please pass on my appreciation to any colleagues who are not included in this email.

Have a great weekend!
Kind regards

DR IRIS WU
UWC CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE

CUSTOMER Feedback



Good morning Rizia, I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for allowing us to hold the Campus Presenter Search 2024 at your campus. Your support has been invaluable to us.

I am also delighted to share some exciting news with you: Mihle from UWC has been selected as a finalist for the competition! She will be competing in the final round, which is scheduled to take place on August 28th.

We would be thrilled to have you join us in supporting Mihle on this special day. If anyone from UWC would like to attend, please feel free to reach out to us at Marketing@goodhopefm.co.za.

Thank you once again for your tremendous support and for helping make this event a success.

AVIWE RASMENI
SABC ACTING BRAND SPECIALIST

CUSTOMER Feedback



We received such a warm welcome from Rizia at the campus. Her service was superb. She was friendly, helpful and so warm.

This was the first time our squad was received in such a manner. It really set the precedent for the day. Everything we required was catered for

to the tee. Kudos to you too for laying the ground work thorough

CRYSTAL JOHANNES
WESTERN CAPE BLOOD SERVICE:
CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER

CUSTOMER Feedback



"I can now say we are definitely getting somewhere. Great job Nashietah Ebrahim there was no way I was going to figure this out on my own, it was definitely not as easy, we managed to match half of the invoices and I am now in a position to compile these payments and submit for processing to be on next week's run." - Tandiswa Phera, Western Cape Government (WCG), Department of Infrastructure

"Thank you very much for the support getting approximately R 4 million in utility recoveries paid to UWC by WCG." - Laurian Cupido, UWC Revenue Coordinator

TANDISWA PHERA
WCG DEPARTMENT OF
INFRASTRUCTURE

CUSTOMER Feedback



"I would like to thank the Business Development Office for allowing me to provide my services to the university students and staff.

"I had the pleasure of working with Laurian Cupido from the start of my application until the critical phase of becoming a service provider. She assisted me with compiling the required paperwork, applying to the relevant platforms, and exercising due diligence at each checkpoint. One of the key insights that I learned from her was the integration of different departments within the UWC framework and making sure that all protocols were followed, and relevant department heads were always in the loop of each process.

Miss Cupido's expertise and strategic insights were instrumental in helping me navigate the somewhat complex UWC framework. Miss Cupido demonstrated exceptional analytical skills and a deep understanding of the BDO office protocols, which allowed her to provide tailored solutions that significantly improved my application and execution of timeline milestones.

CUSTOMER Feedback Continued...



What sets Miss Laurian Cupido apart is her ability to listen and truly understand my unique needs as she was and is still available to offer guidance and support, making me feel like a priority as I navigate the UWC landscape. Her professionalism, dedication, and innovative approach have made a lasting impact on my business.

The highlight of my journey with Miss Cupido was her ability to utilize UWC media sections pulling together UWC communications as well as uDubs radio and UWC online social media presence to assist me in marketing and brand exposure. It was truly amazing as I even assisted in the physical process of doing a video shoot and radio voice-over recording (For this I thank the uDubs radio team). Her contributions have been invaluable, and we as Z and F projects look forward to continuing our partnership in the future."

FRANK DE BRUIN
Z&F PROJECTS (PTY LTD)

SAPOA Engagements

SAPOA WC Regional Chapter Breakfast 2024



The SAPOA WC Regional breakfast, held on the 07th August at the V&A Waterfront was attended by the following BDO representatives Suhail Parkar, Nashietah Ebrahim and Henry Arnolds. The topic of discussion was Property Development – Challenges & Facilitation

Figure 16: BDO staff, Nashietah & Henry with Kevin Roman, Chair SAPOA WC Chapter & Executive Deputy Mayor Alderman Eddie Andrews

SAPOA & Women's Property Network (WPN) High Tea Event

BDO ladies attended the annual woman's day high tea event on 27th August sponsored by Old Mutual. The ladies enjoyed their experience immensely from the venue décor, superb catering and networking. Each attendee was gifted a book "The book every leader needs to read" written by 48 different authors. The ladies also had the privilege of listening to guest speaker Mrs Deshun Deysel, she is known for the following...

- In 1996 she made history by being part of the first group of South Africans to plant the new democratic flag on the top of Mount Everest.
- Deshun has led groups to Mt. Everest Base Camp, including Olympic Decathlon Legend and Laureus World Sports Academy member, Daley Thompson.



Figure 17: Bottom pic Centre: Deshun Deysel with BDO Ladies

SAPOA Western Cape Regional Chapter Breakfast Seminar



BDO attended the SAPOA WC Breakfast seminar which was held on 15 October 2014. It was an enjoyable, informative networking and knowledge-sharing event. It provided an ideal platform to discuss the crucial matter of contract law in the property sector for landlords and brokers.

As co-sponsor, Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyer (CDH) hosted the get-together.

Figure 18: Top left UWC Staff, Ansaaf, Henry, Theolla, Rizia, Sue, Sujit and Nashietah
Far right: Sue, Rizia, Laurian and Henry

Bottom right: SAPOA Vice Chair Kevin Roman addressing audience.

SAPOA Annual CEO Dinner

On 31st October the UWC BDO Director, Mr Sujit Bhagattjee had the privileged of attending the SAPOA annual CEO dinner.

Figure 19: from R-L Dave Russel (Baker Street Prop), Lara Schenk (Ingenuity Prop & Vice Chair SAPOA WC), Kevin Roman (Deekev Prop & Chair SAPOA WC), Neil Gopal (SAPOA CEO), Itu Mothibele (MD Vukile Prop & SAPOA President), Sujit (UWC)



Learning & Growth: Staff Development

UWC clinched top spot in National Entrepreneurship Competition - Enactus

Congratulations to the Centre for Entrepreneurship & Innovation (CEI) Department with the ENACTUS world cup 2024 competition in Kazakhstan.

The Enactus South Africa National Exposition brings together the top University students, academic and business leaders from around the country. Nationally, 24 universities compete for the much-coveted top spot in the Enactus National Exposition Competition in Johannesburg. It's a day dedicated to showcasing innovation and social impact, only eight managed to compete. In the end, there was only one winner; the Enactus team of the University of the Western Cape (UWC). As quoted by Wendy Mehl, the Coordinator of Enterprise and Supplier Development CEI... *"This was a dedicated team who sacrificed their entire holiday in preparation for the competition. It is quite an accomplishment that we could take a development team to winning the national competition."* CEI was also the recipient of last year's Enactus Faculty Advisor of the Year Award.



Figure 20: Centre - UWC Executive Director Finance & Services with students

In-House Travel Training



On the 18th July, we arranged an in-house training took place at the Business Innovation Centre on the new travel booking system. The training was facilitated by Petro Human, UWC Travel Coordinator, Finance department who took the time to talk us through the process. Staff from CEI, BDO and UIH was in attendance.

Figure 21: UWC Attendees from left to right: Kamvelihle (CEI), Zikhona (UIH), Petro (Finance), Ansaaf (BDO), Wendy (CEI) and Robyn (UIH)

Seminars & Events

PWC conference



From the BDO team, Sue Nitsckie and Laurian Cupido attended the 30th annual PWC Education Conference, which was held over two days, 2nd and 3rd September 2024. BDO staff had the opportunity to collaborate with vice chancellors, senior executives, key stakeholders and industry leaders towards reimagining a different future for education.

BDO's Laurian had the privilege to be requested to do a short interview at the conference.

See link: <https://fb.watch/uWKdYYj4s/>

Figure 22: UWC staff at PWC Conference



Educational Hotel Site Visits

Petro Human, our UWC travel coordinator arranged for an educational hotel site visit to the Sky Hotel and the Century City Hotel and Conference Centre. Administrators were treated to a scrumptious breakfast followed by a tour of the facilities where we had the opportunity to explore the venues, the various styles of accommodation for our travellers as well as their amazing conference facilities and packages on offer for any future UWC events.

Theolla Langenhoven, Office Coordinator and Executive Assistant to the Executive Director Finance and Operations, shared her educational site visit experience to the Century City Hotel and Conference Centre. *“The morning we drove off campus to visit the Century City Conference Centre, I never expected the treat that was awaiting us!*

The Sales Manager, Zandri Swartz escorted us to the Urban Umami Restaurant situated at the Century City Hotel Urban Square for a scrumptious breakfast and later a room-to-room display of the hotel's offerings. The Hotel does not only cater for conference goers, but for families or couples in need of a romantic breakaway enjoying the privacy and opulence that the Urban Square has to offer. Not to mention the fantabulous courtyard, perfect for sundowners or business events! Easily accessible from the outside, yet private?

We walked to the Century City Conference Centre literally across the road from the hotel's entrance. Upon entering, our breaths were taken away with the most aesthetically pleasing art work adorning the foyer. The Centre has many gems that makes it attractive, the one that I loved was the Business Lounge. A place to connect with others, having a quick online meeting in an enclosed cubicle or just enjoying a snack or a freshly prepared smoothie. The conference venues range from small breakaway rooms to three adjacent rooms which can seat 1000 pax.

We walked over to Century City Bridgewater, a hi-tech, super urban hotel! Situated adjacent to Ratanga Park with the most stunning view, yet a calm space to enjoy. Bridgewater continues with the lavishness of the whole Century City Conference feel and even has a pizzeria for team buildings etcetera.

Overall, the Century City Conference Centre does not skimp on luxury, convenience nor quality. It is central, easily accessible from the highway with ample parking for conference goers. If you need a one-stop conference facility, call them now!”



Figure 23: left pic: Zuleigah Lee, Marketing Manager of Sky Hotel with UWC administrators

Far Right: FIOII Dept, Theolla and Ansaaf site visit to Century City Hotel & Conference Centre

New Vice Chancellor Orientation meeting at UIH 11 October 2024



Figure 24: L-R, UIH Director Laurine Platzky, Laurent de Laroche, TTO Director Dr Ana Casanova, VC Prof Balfour, xxx, Leona Craffort, BDO Director Sujit Bhagattee & CEI Director Abraham Oliver



ABSA Building Acquisition – Celebration Lunch with Broll

On the 3rd October, Broll Properties, Stephen van Zyl entertained the UWC representatives on a successful acquisition of the ABSA 32 Voortrekker Road premises in Bellville.

Figure 25: BDO staff with Stephen van Zyl



Sanlam: Post Office Project Launch



On the 8th October, BDO showed support to CEI attending their launch of the UWC Entrepreneurship Trading Hub at the Sanlam Post Office.

The space was refurbished to host with the upliftment of nine (9) entrepreneurs to promote selling their goods and services.

Figure 26: BDO & CEI at the launch of the UWC Entrepreneurship Trading Hub

BDO Workshop

On the 14th October the BDO Director with the assistance and facilitation of our HR consultant Sherilene Sickle, embarked on a role clarification workshop with BDO staff.

Sujit expressed his gratitude and appreciation by gifting each of his staff. All workshop logistics were arranged by Ansaaf.

Figure 27: Top R-L: Sherilene (HR consultant) with Sujit
Sujit with Henry, Laurian, Rizia

Bottom: R- L: Sujit with Ansaaf, Sue, Nashietah and Suhail



Feedem: Coffee tasting



On the 19th November, Feedem invited BDO for a coffee tasting session at the Life Science Building. Theolla and Fatima from Mr Regal’s office also had the privileged to share in the experience.

This is in effort to replace the Starbucks product offering which was requested to be removed by the University Council in its support with Palestine.

Figure 28: UWC Staff @ Feedem

Women's Month: August 2024

UWC HR Women's Day Celebration

From the BDO team, both Ansaaf and Rizia was fortunate to register and attend a special Women's Day Wellness event on 19th August in honour of Women's Empowerment. This was hosted by the UWC Human Resources Department. Special guest speaker, UWC alumnus Acting Judge President Patricia Goliath shared her insights and experience on women's empowerment. Our very own South African artist, Karen Kortje, entertained the audience with her vocal talent, adding a touch of vibrancy to the event. Guests was spoilt to a small gift and a delightful finger lunch.



Figure 29: In centre right pic: Judge Patricia Goliath with UWC staff

Far right: Rizia, Karen Kortje (centre) and Ansaaf

Participants engaged in various wellness activities which included chair yoga, hand massages, dance fit class and a self-defence class.

Professionals Administrative Day



Figure 30: FIOII Administrators and Coordinators

On 04th September Professional Administrators Day was celebrated in style. UWC FIOII Administrators & Coordinators was cordially invited by Lady Whistledown, a Bridgeton theme to a delightful afternoon of fun and pampering. A scrumptious buffet lunch was served and a perfume workshop to craft your signature scent with lively conversation. A very big thank you to our Executive Director Finance and Operations Mr Regal and his Directors for spoiling us.

"Thank you very much for the year of hard work, dedication and now and then a bit of fun times, like today. I appreciate each and every one and I see the effort you make to ensure that FIOII is more than just a department. May you continue to grow as an individual and develop your interests, especially those outside of working hours. May you enjoy the rest of this Professional Administrators Day with the ones that means the most to you. Lady Theolla"



FIOII Team Building

Team Building: FIOII - Business Development Office 11 September



The FIOII team building event was split over 2 days at D’Aria, Durbanville. The teams were split into two groups. The 1st group; the Business Development Office, Risk & Compliance, Finance and Business Processing went on the 11th September.

It was an awesome day, great fun and team work. FIOII staff of the different departments where all put into colour categories to cook up a storm. We indulged in vetkoek, koeksisters, potjiekos which was assessed by three judges.

The competition was tough but, in the end, we were all winners! Best of all we had fun and the weather was perfect!

Thanks to our FIOII Executive Director Mr Regal, we appreciate all that you do.

Farewell

Goodbye and farewell to our student assistant Bilqees, her last working day was end of August. She decided to concentrate on completing her honours and seeking employment in the interim. A vote of thanks from Bilqees to the BDO team....



“I’d like to say a warm felt thank you to everyone in this office for accepting and welcoming me into your space. As brief as it was, I know I’m leaving this place with new knowledge and experiences that has definitely shaped me as a person. These past few months- almost a year, has been fun working and meeting a lot of different people. A special shout out to the VMO team for taking me under their wing. They’re a really cool department filled with amazing individuals whom I will never forget. I have to in particular give both Rizia and Suhail a special mention seeing as I tagged along with them everywhere. So much so that people mistook Suhail for my dad. Suhail brought me on board and I appreciate all that he’s done for me in helping to cultivate my growth. And not too long after I found myself gladly glued to Rizia’s side. I spent the last 7 months learning almost everything from her which goes to show the hidden gems she has in her that I value and admire. Lastly, a big thank you once again to everyone. I will definitely not forget my roots. I wish everyone all the best and success for your future endeavours.”

BDO wishes her well with her studies and to always reach for the stars!



Other Achievements and Milestones

Congratulations to Suhail Parkar on his appointment as a Western Province Cricket Association (WPCA) Boys U19 Selector for the year 2024.

We wish him well in this important task.

His commitment and dedication to the youth is commendable.



Staff Condolences

✚ Condolences to Wendy Mehl from CEI who lost her mom and BDO staff; Rizia, Ansaaf and Sue who also lost family members. May the Almighty ease their pain and grant their family contentment through this difficult time.

✚ It is with a sad and heavy heart that we have come to learn about the passing of our ex Vice Chancellor and Rector of the University of the Western Cape, Prof Brian O'Connell.

A true legend, may his soul rest in peace!

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Final sign of by BDO Director Sujit Bhagattjee

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