



NEWS

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2008 SAWISE – Element Six Scholarship



Kate Gillham (left) based at UKZN in Pietermaritzburg was awarded our **2008 SAWISE Element Six Scholarship**. Kate achieved top marks for Chemistry and Chemical Technology in her undergraduate studies, and is currently pursuing honours in Chemistry. She is a hard working and talented young scientist. As part of the scholarship award, she will have the opportunity of visiting the Element Six research labs later this year. Kate feels that the sciences have a major role to play in South Africa's future and that it is important to promote women in this previously male dominated field.

2008 SAWISE- Angus Scholarship

Julian Sithembekile is our 2008 awardee for the SAWISE-Angus Scholarship. She is an outstanding and very promising student, who is currently at the University of the Western Cape. She is pursuing honours studies in the field of Biotechnology and is specializing in Industrial Biotechnology. Her main focus of study is on nanoparticles and their role in anti-cancer drug treatments. Her academic track record is excellent - she has been class medalist in every module she has done. Her superb results have been attributed to a combination of her intelligence, work ethic and keen desire to learn and develop. She has been described as having the potential to become one of Africa's leading scientists.

SUMMER NETWORKING FUNCTION – 18 March 08

Dr. Sarah Riordan (HERS-SA) will present a talk entitled: "[CAREER SUCCESS OF WOMEN ACADEMICS](#)". 3.30pm, Zoology Department Tea-Room, 3rd Floor, John Day Building, University Avenue, UCT. Please RSVP by Fri 14th March to: melinda.griffiths@uct.ac.za

WORKSHOP: EARLY CAREER ADJUSTMENT – 22 April 08.

SAWISE and HERS-SA is pleased to offer this specifically designed workshop for postgraduate students. The early career phase is often characterised by an exciting mix of heady expectations, enthusiasm and anxiety. Finding and adjusting to full-time employment can be challenging even for experienced staff and first-timers might feel overwhelmed by the shift from a university to a work environment. This workshop will assist final year students who are planning on entering the job market in 2009.

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