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(Mvelaphanda is a Venda word meaning prosperity or success)

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2011 Promises to be an exciting year at the SAWC

The main aim of the SAWC for 2011 is to become the training institution of choice for conservation organizations across the SADC region. We hope to expand our training programs to selected sites of delivery and so bring training to the people across our region. This will make training more cost effective and have a greater impact as more conservationists will receive well needed skills to help conserve protected areas across the region. We hope to join forces with like-minded organizations and institutions in our quest of providing the training of necessary skills to under skilled people in our industry. No single institution will be able to address the capacity building need across our region, so collaboration will be an essential part of the SAWC strategic vision for 2011.

SAWC also understands the need to educate the youth on environmental issues. We hope that during 2011 we can expand our Environmental Education programs to have a greater impact on the youth of our communities surrounding protected areas. The SAWC also plans on implementing training in New Venture Creation in buffer zones of protected areas, and so aiding communities to benefit from the influx of tourism into these areas.

The staff of the SAWC wish you all a prosperous 2011, and will strive to continue delivering a professional service to the conservation industry.

Theresa Sowry

CEO, Southern African Wildlife College



SAWC welcomes new member to the team



Dr Maria Matshidiso Kanjere

Dr Maria Matshidiso Kanjere joined the college as the new executive manager for academic affairs. She was previously with the University of Limpopo (Turfloop Campus) where she served as a Head of Department, Senior Lecturer and an ACE Programme Coordinator; in the Department of Educational Management Sciences. She is also the former principal of Makadimane Senior Secondary School where she served the community of Ga-Mathabatha.

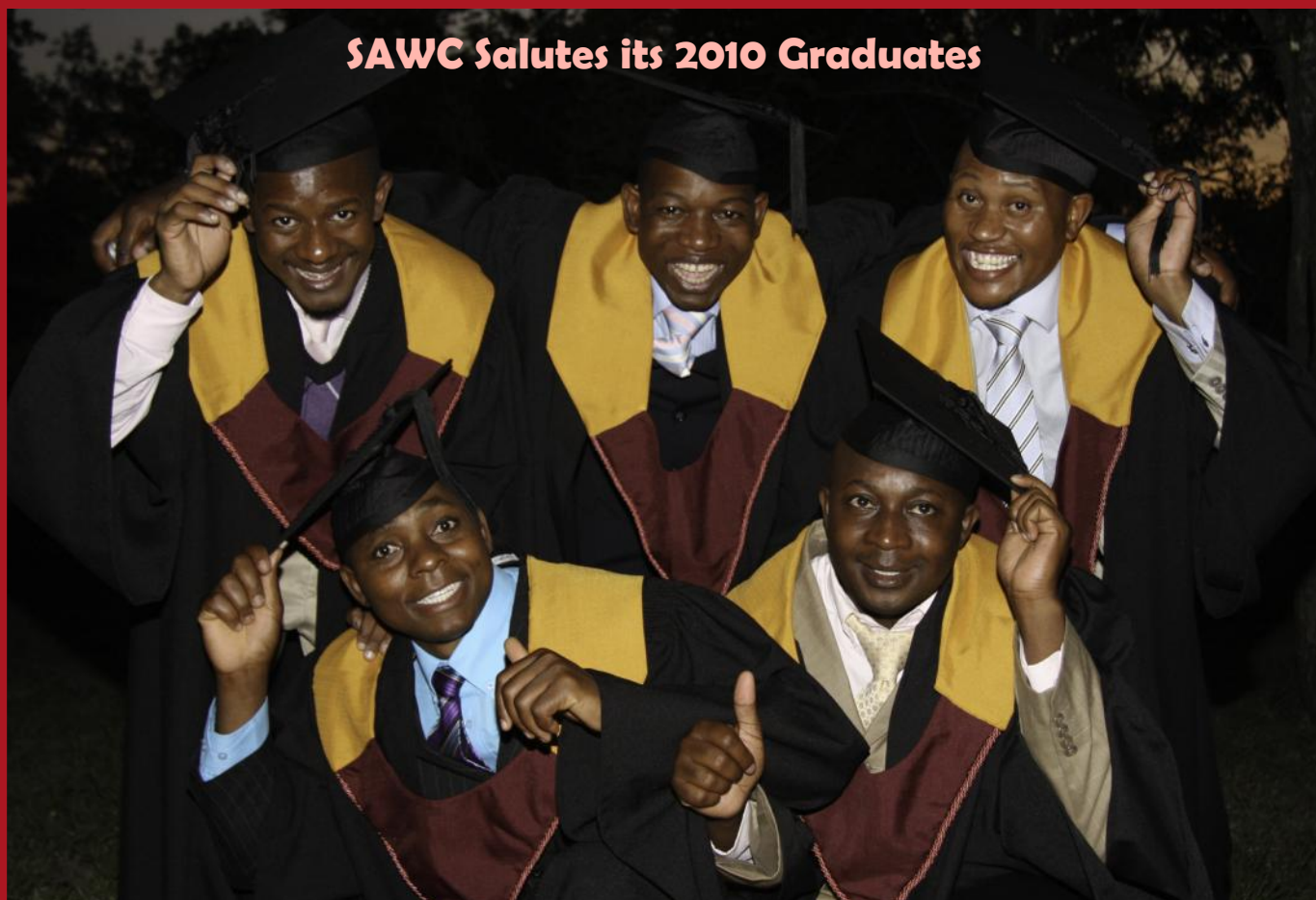
Her area of interest lies in Human Resources Development.

She is presently working on publishing her MBA dissertation and is looking to begin a Doctorate in Business Administration with an overseas institution.

Dr Kanjere is married to Rev George Kanjere of Lebowakgomo Church of the Nazarene. They are blessed with three children, two boys and a girl.



SAWC Salutes its 2010 Graduates



There was much jubilation and some time for reflection at the end of last year when a record number of students graduated from the Southern African Wildlife College.

According to Mr. Allan Losaba, CEO North West Parks and Tourism Board and the key note speaker at the graduation ceremony which took place on 2 December 2010, graduation does not mark an end but a beginning. "I prefer the American version of a graduation ceremony. It is called a commencement exercise - the beginning of new things for the students that are graduating. As such, this graduation ceremony does not represent the beginning of work in biodiversity conservation but rather the beginning of a new way of approaching things," he said.

In his address Mr. Losaba also highlighted a commencement address at the University of Portland, where Paul Hawken, renowned entrepreneur, visionary environmental activist

and author, warned that we are stealing from the future and selling it in the present to create gross domestic profit. According to Hawken we can just as easily have an economy based on healing the future instead of stealing it. We can either create assets for the future or take the assets of the future. One is called restoration the other is called exploitation. Like Hawken, Mr Losaba then called on everyone to work for the earth, "for the earth is not the way to get rich; it is a way to be rich," he said.

Three groups of students from seven different countries across the SADC region will go back to their protected wildlife areas inspired to do just that. The graduates included two full Certificate groups as well as 12 students who undertook a six-month Environmental Education programme.

There is no doubt that this graduation, which was attended by donor

organisations, dignitaries from various conservation organizations, course leaders, student guests and College staff, will herald a new era in conservation for these students. In the words of James Mwanza, one of the Zambian students sponsored by the Southern African Wildlife College Trust (SACET), "Challenges such as budgetary constraints, competition for resources, increasing pressure on natural areas due to growing human populations, climate change and the destruction of natural habitat can now be faced with greater expertise and confidence."

"Through joint initiatives, collaboration, sharing of experiences, expertise imparted and through life-long bonds forged with both trainers and fellow students, we are now able to go back to our places of work better equipped and motivated to manage our protected areas more effectively," Mwanza said.



Graduates of 2010



Higher Certificate Class of 2010



Advanced Certificate Class of 2010



SACET funds student bursaries for 2011

In fulfilling its mandate to provide funding for the education and training in protected area management, Southern African Wildlife College Trust (SACET) has to date provided 19 full-year scholarships to deserving students to continue their training at the Southern African Wildlife College.

In 2010 SACET provided funding for three students to attend the Advanced Certificate Course. The students were James Mwanza from Great North Safaris Zambia; Lameck Mumba both from the Zambian Wildlife Authority and Kufandada Zhou from Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority. Trevor Silwamba and Richard Menyatswe from North West Parks and Tourism Board (co-sponsored by the National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund - NLDTF) also took up their SACET scholarships awarded to them at the end of 2008.



From the left: Petros Mwera, Gideon Chikanya and Matthew Mugoti

All the SACET-sponsored students performed extremely well having received over 84% for both their mid-year and final year academic results. Top marks went to Lameck Mumba who was awarded the Distell trophy for the best overall student of the year. Richard Menyatswe was the Best SA student for the year as was awarded the WWF trophy. Trevor Silwamba produced the best protected area management plan during 2010 thereby taking home the Hans Hoheisen award.

At the graduation ceremony, Countess Sylvia Labia, founder trustee of SACET, saluted these students, the inspiration and leadership of the College staff and the progress the College continues to make in developing the conservation leaders of tomorrow. SACET also thanked the donors for their ongoing support for

conservation education in the southern African region. "When experiencing the heartfelt gratitude of the students, their can be little doubt as to how meaningful these bursaries are to the students," Countess Labia said.

Amidst much excitement Matthew Mugoti and Petros Mwera from Zimbabwe together with Gideon Chikanya from Zambia were selected to receive SACET bursaries to continue their studies in 2011. All three students graduated cum laude in the Higher Certificate in 2010 and will now go on to complete the Advanced Certificate course in Nature Conservation. Matthew Mugoti also proudly accepted the Distell Award for the best Higher Certificate student at the graduation ceremony.

Keep a look out for Five's Reserve



When purchasing a bottle or two of wine keep a look out for Van Loveren's Five's Reserve range of wines comprising a Chenin Blanc, a Merlot Rosé, a Pinotage and a Cabernet Sauvignon.

There is good reason – as part of an agreement with the Southern African Wildlife College, Van Loveren will donate a part of the proceeds of each bottle sold in the Five's Reserve range to the College.

The label is easily recognisable as it depicts the Big Five and, as with all Van Loveren wines, emphasis is placed on excellent value. Price points range from R30 for the white and rosé and R40 for the reds – not bad when you consider that a percentage of sales will go towards conservation training, skills development and mentorship.

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