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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Junior Prize Giving
- ◆ Buffalo Regatta
- ◆ Compulsory Out Weekend for Boarders
- ◆ School Governing Body Parent Elections
- ◆ Top 8 Swimming Gala
- ◆ Cricket / Water Polo / Basketball vs Westville
- ◆ D&D Gala Hosted by DHS @ DHS

Durban High School  
Head Master : Mr A D Pinheiro

## Junior Prize Giving

On Friday 14 February, Durban High School hosted our Junior Prize-Giving Awards Ceremony to celebrate the academic achievements of our young men in 2019 for Grades 8 to 11. The event was attended by parents, invited guests, staff and boys, as well as Guest Speaker, Dr Kwame Adu Acheaw Spanos.

The Junior Academic Awards Ceremony is a learner centred ceremony, with most of the formalities being conducted by the boys themselves. The Head Prefects welcomed the guests, presented a reading, introduced and then thanked the Guest Speaker and the RCL Chairman, Quincy Hitler, gave an address. The audience was entertained by the DHS Choir and the Jazz Band.

The entire event was co-ordinated by MC and Head of Department, Mr Sunil Bodasing, who also presented the prizes.

Guest Speaker Dr Acheaw, Class of 2004, addressed the audience, sharing with them his journey through DHS and beyond.

He stressed to the boys the importance of having a vision as your vision determines your reality. He said he began his life at DHS without one, which made life difficult; he struggled with the rules, had no clear plan and just wanted to be popular. This resulted in him getting into trouble which disappointed his parents. However, the outcome was the setting two goals for himself - to improve his grades and to play for the 1<sup>st</sup> Basketball team. He achieved both goals, representing SA Basketball for 3 years and becoming a medical doctor.

In conclusion, Dr Acheaw said the journey to achieving goals and living your vision is not easy. His advice to

the boys was to have faith in themselves, surround themselves with a support system and to stay focussed and grounded. He said DHS has given them all they need to be successful and they should utilise all opportunities and soak in all the knowledge. He thanked the staff for their belief in the boys, which was invaluable. Finally, he asked the boys: "What is your goal for 2020? I know you can do it! Deo Fretus"

Dr Acheaw was then invited to present the awards to the deserving learners that had achieved at the end of 2019.

The ceremony ended with a love-ly touch ... being Valentine's Day, the prize winners each presented to their mother's a rose and some chocolates. The Prefects then presented roses to all the lady staff members - a gesture which welcomed warmly by all the ladies in the room. Thank you to the Gentlemen of DHS!

Mr Bodasing then thanked the educators of Durban High School for their contribution to assisting the boys to excel. The audience rose to their feet, boys and parents, and gave the outstanding staff of DHS a standing ovation.

The Top three boys in each grade were as follows:

### Grade 11

**Talon Sewnath** - First in Grade 11 Certificate of Merit (Colours), subject prizes for Information Technology, Business Studies, Mathematics, (The Pricewaterhouse-Coopers Award), Physical Sciences and the UKZN Outstanding Achievement Award for Mathematics and Physical Sciences

**Thiyashan Pillay** - Second in Grade 11, Certificate of Merit (Colours), subject prizes for Afrikaans First Additional  
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*Grade 11 Top 3  
(from left) Thiyashan Pillay (2<sup>nd</sup>), Talon Sewnath (1<sup>st</sup>), Sachen Pather (3<sup>rd</sup>)*



*Grade 10 Top 3  
(from left) Jadin Dayanund (3<sup>rd</sup>), Mikail Kreuzer (1<sup>st</sup>), Tusani Mthembu (2<sup>nd</sup>)*



*Grade 9 Top 3  
(from left) Darian Robert (2<sup>nd</sup>), Michael Russell (1<sup>st</sup>), Haricharan Yash (2<sup>nd</sup>)*



*Grade 8 Top 3  
(from left) Finnley Wyllie (2<sup>nd</sup>), Abhay Nunan (1<sup>st</sup>), Dino Veludo (2<sup>nd</sup>)*



## Junior Prize-Giving cont'd

Langue, Engineering Graphics & Design

**Sachen Pather** - Third in Grade 11 Certificate of Merit (Colours)

*Grade 11 Cambridge*

**Adam Mohamed** - First in Grade 11 Cambridge, Certificate of Merit (Honours), Computer Sciences and Mathematics awards

*Grade 10*

**Mikail Kreuzer** - First in Grade 10 Certificate of Merit (Honours), subject prizes for English Home Language, Afrikaans First Additional Language, Life Orientation, Music, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Physical Sciences

**Tusani Mthembu** - Second in Grade 10, Certificate of Merit (Colours), subject prizes for Accounting, Engineering Graphics & Design, Geography, Physical Sciences

**Jadin Dayanund** - Third in Grade 10 Certificate of Merit (Colours), subject prize for Physical Sciences

*Grade 10 Cambridge*

**Naseem Essa** - First in Grade 10 Cambridge, Certificate of Merit (Honours), Mathematics award

**Sharik Ramjee** - Second in Grade 10 Cambridge, Certificate of Merit (Honours), Mathematics award

**Shaphan Govender** - Third in Grade 10 Cambridge, Certificate of Merit (Colours)

**Nathan del Fava** - Certificate of Merit (Colours)

*Grade 9*

**Michael Russell** - First in Grade 9 Certificate of Merit, subject prizes for Afrikaans First Additional Language, Life Orientation, Creative Arts

**Darian Robert** - Second in Grade 9

*1<sup>st</sup> in Cambridge*

**Zane Williamson** (Grade 8), **Naseem Essa** (Grade 10), **Adam Mohamed** (Grade 11), **Nureldin Mohamed**

Certificate of Merit, subject prizes for English Home Language, Social Sciences, Technology

**Yash Haricharan** - Third in Grade 9 Certificate of Merit, subject prizes for Natural Sciences, Mathematics (Trevor Wadley Prize)

*Grade 9 Cambridge*

**Nureldin Mohamed** - First in Grade 9 Cambridge, Certificate of Merit, Chemistry award

**Yadav Nunnan** - Second in Grade 9 Cambridge

*Grade 8*

**Abhay Nunan** - First in Grade 8 Certificate of Merit, subject prizes for English Home Language, Life Orientation

**Finnley Wyllie** - Second in Grade 8 Certificate of Merit, subject prizes for Social Sciences, Mathematics, Life Orientation

**Dino Veludo** - Second in Grade 8 Certificate of Merit, subject prizes for Creative Arts, Natural Sciences

*Grade 8 Cambridge:*

**Zane Williamson** - First in Grade 8 Cambridge, Certificate of Merit, Chemistry award

**Sahil Bandulal** - Second in Grade 8 Cambridge

Durban High School congratulates all the prize winners and thanks Dr Acheaw for taking time out of his busy schedule to share his story with the boys and guests.

Well done to the young Gentlemen of Durban High School on their achievements!



*Proud Mom Ms Razina Meer with her sons Daniel and Mikail Kreuzer who both were both prize winners at*



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## Weeks Ahead

### Friday 14 February

Valentine's Day  
**Junior Prize-Giving : 09h00**  
Durban South District U11 Cricket Trials (h)  
Rowing : Buffalo Regatta : 14-15 February  
Compulsory Out Weekend for Boarders : 14 to 16 February

### Saturday 15 February

Boarder Experience Weekend for Grade 7s : 15 to 16 February  
KZN Athletics League

### Monday 17 February

Presentation by Wits University : DC Thompson Hall : 17h30 to 18h30  
KZN Regional Cricket Trials - U15, U17, U19 (h)

### Tuesday 18 February

Bouldering Round 2  
Swimming - Top 8 Gala @ Clifton

### Wednesday 26 February

**School Governing Body Parent Election Meeting : AJ Human Room : 17h30**

*Proud Moms - Ms Lorretta Rama (left) with her son Kian and Ms Sandra Veludo and her son Dino, both prize winners*

### Thursday 20 February

Senior Debating @ Inanda Seminary : 14h45 - 18h00

### Saturday 22 February

Cricket / Water Polo / Basketball vs Westville Boys' (h)

### Tuesday 25 February

Guardian Presentation to Grade 9 : AJ Human Room : 08h35  
Bouldering Round 3  
Swimming - D&D Gala hosted by DHS (h) : 18h00

### Wednesday 26 February

Marketing Visit to Kokstad

### Thursday 27 February

Marketing Visit to Izotsha

### Saturday 29 February

Cricket / Water Polo / Basketball vs Northwood (h)  
Vega Vibe (Lewis)

### Tuesday 3 March

Moms Com Meeting : 13h00 : Bill Payn Boardroom

## Junior Prize-Giving Guest Speaker - Dr Kwame Adu Acheaw

Dr Kwame Adu Acheaw, DHS Old Boy (Class of 2004), was the Guest Speaker at the Junior Prize-Giving Academic Awards Ceremony on Friday 14 February.

Dr Acheaw was born in Ghana to his parents Dr John Acheaw and Mrs Annie Acheaw.

He schooled in Port Edward then at Scottsburgh Primary School. He joined DHS and started in Blackmore House in 2000, matriculating in 2004 with a merit certificate and higher grade double Mathematics and Science, with 7<sup>th</sup> subject Additional Mathematics.

Dr Acheaw was a 1<sup>st</sup> team Basketball rookie in Grade 10, and Basketball Vice Captain in Grade 12. He was a SA Schools representative for U16, U17 and U18. In his Matric year he was

selected as Deputy Head Prefect of Blackmore house and a School Perfect.

Dr Acheaw enrolled at the Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine UKZN in 2005 and in his first year he was recognised at the annual prize giving with an achievement for producing the best HIV/Aids project. He qualified as a medical doctor in 2010.

Dr Acheaw completed his internship at King Edward Hospital, followed by his Community Service at Edendale Hospital.

He trained as a medical officer in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Unit. He later qualified with a Higher Diploma in Anaesthesia from the College of Medicine South Africa.

Currently he works in the Department of Surgery, Pietermaritzburg complex (Greys & Edendale Hospital), registrar

training post with interest in paediatric surgery.

Dr Acheaw has been married to his wife Catherine for 9 years and they have a daughter Arabella and a son Isaiah.

Welcome back to your Alma Mater, Kwane!



*Dr Kwame Adu Acheaw with his wife Catherine, son Isaiah and daughter Arabella*



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