



It is with great pleasure we able to announce the appointment of **Mr Qondakele Sompondo** to the position of **Alumni Relations and Fundraising Manager** with effect from the 1st August.

Prior to joining Rhodes, Qondakele, worked for almost 9 years with Ubuntu Education Fund in Port Elizabeth as a Director of External Relations. This community based organisation is an incredible success story and several members of this community have studied or are currently studying at Rhodes. I encourage you to visit their website www.ubuntufund.org to learn more of this inspirational organisation. Part of its success can be attributed to the efforts of Qondakele and we are indeed fortunate to have been able to appoint a man of his talents and experience in this important position at Rhodes.

No stranger to the world of academia, after graduating with a degree in Library Science, Qondakele served for year as a Junior Lecturer at the then PE Technikon.

His responsibilities at Rhodes will include enhancing our existing relationship building and fundraising programmes with specific focus on building relationships with a carefully selected group of 'influential' Old Rhodians. Ultimately his efforts will be directed towards encouraging this community to support the University's objectives and needs. This is an exceptionally important position and I am sure you will join me in both welcoming Qondakele to Rhodes and wishing him the best of fortune as he begins developing his work plan. Here are his new contact details:

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