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Edu-bike Africa is launched in KZN

Education Africa, in partnership with Kearsney College and the KwaZulu Natal Department of Education's Pinetown District, has introduced Edu-bike Africa to KwaZulu Natal. Our inspiring educational programme which is developed around the theme of the bicycle, has caused much excitement. Jill Tomlinson, Kearsney's project convenor, said 64 educators from 27 schools in the Pinetown district attended the two workshops which introduced Edu-bike Africa to the province. A second workshop is planned for February next year.

James Urdang, EA's executive director who attended the launch said, "The demand for our Edu-bike Africa workshops has always been overwhelming, often with more educators arriving at the workshops than had been expected. This testifies to the popularity and success of the



James Urdang, Education Africa's executive director (right) with Jill Tomlinson (left) and representatives of the KwaZulu Natal Education Department in Pinetown, at the launch of Edu-bike Africa in KwaZulu Natal.

project. In KwaZulu Natal we plan to provide materials for 18 000 learners."

Ms Tomlinson said feedback received following the KwaZulu Natal launch showed that the programme was greatly needed and wanted, and that the resource

materials would have a huge impact on both educators and learners. "Evaluation comments were overwhelmingly positive, including remarks such as 'more educators should be exposed to this workshop' and 'learners will enjoy using these workbooks'" she said. ■

Gloria Gaynor to perform at US Awards dinner

Exciting news just in is that Gloria Gaynor has confirmed that she will be performing at the Education Africa Gala Awards Dinner which is scheduled to be held in New York on Thursday, 21 October at the Loeb Boat House, Central Park.

Gloria is the international music sensation who at the age of 19 signed her first record contract and produced a vast number of Number 1 hits – notably "Never Can Say

Good-Bye"; "Just Keep Thinkin' About You,"; and "Last Night". She is perhaps most famous for the legendary hit "I Will Survive" which was also translated into Spanish and is the title of her autobiography.

In 2002 she was honoured at the World Music Awards in Monte Carlo with the coveted LEGEND award and in 2005 Gloria, along with her Hit song "I Will Survive" was inducted into the Dance Music

Hall of Fame. She also lends her support to numerous charities and at Education Africa, we are delighted that she will be joining us at our annual Awards dinner, where we will be presenting the following awards:

- The Education Africa Lifetime Achievement Award for Africa
- The Education Africa Allegiance Award
- The Education Africa Humanitarian Award. ■

Spanish university to build crèche in Cosmo City

The School of Architecture of La Salle University in Spain has confirmed that they will be partnering with Education Africa to build a crèche in Cosmo City, north-west of Johannesburg. This is part of our Social Architecture project which so far has seen the construction of eleven centres since 2004.

The crèche at Cosmo City will be La Salle University's first venture with Education Africa. The project will be lead by Professors Laida Memba Ikuga and Victori Ferrer I Soler from the university. ■

Acknowledging 18 years of service



Education Africa staff held a luncheon on 15 September to present David Harris with his 18 year long service certificate. David, who officially retired at the end of last year, joined Education Africa as an accountant in 1992 and held the position of Honorary Treasurer since 2000. We would like to thank David for his commitment and dedication to Education Africa and wish him well during his well deserved retirement. ■

Delegates impress judges at Provincial SAMUN

Education Africa's dynamic project, The South African Model United Nations (SAMUN) provincial conferences have all been held and have, once again, been hailed a huge success. This is the thirteenth year that Education Africa has been running this project which is growing from strength to strength. The United Nations Information Centre, Pretoria once again assisted us in ensuring that the debates were a success, and we would like to thank MTN Foundation for sponsoring our SAMUN conferences for the second successive year.

Approximately 500 schools from throughout the country entered, with the biggest number of entries coming from the Kwa-Zulu Natal Province. The SAMUN debating conferences are based on the principles and format of a United Nations General Assembly debate, and focus specifically on the United Nations, global issues, international relations and human rights issues. Each participating team is allocated a country whose viewpoints they have to represent, and all delegates conducted themselves brilliantly and did their schools proud as they debated the following topic: *Balancing National Sovereignty and the 'Responsibility to Protect'*.

Teams were made up of two learners from a resourced school, and two learners from an under-resourced school. The winning teams for each of the provinces are as follows:

Eastern Cape: John Bissek & Hudson Park High School

Gauteng: Parktown Girls' High & Bophelo Impilo

Limpopo: Capricorn High & Motse Maria

Kwa-Zulu Natal: Ridge Park High School & Brettonwood

Mpumalanga: St Thomas Aquinas & Pine Ridge

North West: Ferdinand Posma & Potchefstroom Secondary School

Free State: St Josephs CBC & Setjhaba Maketse

Northern Cape: Northern Cape High & Floors High School

Western Cape: Rhenish Girls & Kylemore High School

The learners who make up these winning teams are in the process of preparing for our SAMUN Cape Town International Conference where they will compete against each other to determine the best-performing team from South Africa. This is set to take place in Cape Town from Wednesday 6th to Sunday 10th October. In addition to the above teams, we are very excited to announce that a number of schools from outside South Africa will also be competing. They are from the USA, UK and Kenya.

All participating learners from the Provinces as well as from our international entries will have the unique experience of spending a night on Robben Island which will culminate in our prize giving where the names of the winners as well as the South African international delegation will be announced. This delegation will represent South Africa at an international debate in the USA and will also visit the United Nations Headquarters in New York in 2011.

We would like to wish all the above learners good luck in their preparations for our SAMUN Cape Town international conference and we look forward to hearing them debate as they compete for a place in the SA team. ■

UN and Education Africa visit Teddy Bear preschool on Mandela Day

On 18 July a delegation of UNDP representatives accompanied Education Africa staff members to Tebogo Home and Teddy Bear Preschool where we spent 67 minutes doing community service as part of the Mandela Day celebrations.

Our 67 minutes was spent interacting with the children and helping them make a collage of Madiba, and this was followed by a surprise treat from Thembi, who runs the Teddy Bear Preschool. As part of her 67 minutes of community service, we were treated to a delicious lunch and delectable cake to celebrate Nelson Mandela's birthday. A representative of the Nelson Mandela Foundation also made a storybook donation to the preschool. ■

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