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## CHIEF ALBERT LUTHULI FOR THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE IN 1961

### The 2021 Chief Albert Luthuli Memorial Lecture

On 10 December 2021, the Luthuli Museum in partnership with the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture and the University of KwaZulu Natal presented the annual Chief Albert Luthuli Memorial Lecture. Premised on the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Nobel Peace Prize. The lecture was themed, 'Africa and Freedom'. Chief Albert Luthuli when receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in his acceptance speech in Oslo, dedicated the peace prize to Africa.

The 2021 Annual Chief Albert Luthuli Memorial lecture keynote address by the former President of the Republic of South Africa Mr. Thabo Mbeki was a reminder of the tumultuous journey South Africa and Africa had to take towards attaining democracy. For former President, Mr. Thabo Mbeki stated in his keynote address, the most important message about Chief Albert Luthuli receiving the Nobel Peace Prize was Chief Luthuli commitment to the African cause. This commitment was about socio-economic and political justice. Chief Luthuli remained dedicated to this cause throughout his life.

For former President Thabo Mbeki, Chief Luthuli deliberately bound South African and African leaders to the cause for which he received the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway, in December 1961, he dedicated the Award in these words: "I therefore regard this award as a recognition of the sacrifice made by many of all

racess, particularly the African people, who have endured and suffered so much for so long. It can only be on behalf of the people of South Africa, all the people of South Africa, especially the freedom-loving people, that I accept this award, that I acknowledge this honour. I accept it also as an honour not only to South Africa, but for the whole continent of Africa, to this continent, Mother Africa!"

In his keynote, former President Mbeki states, **"I believe that those of us to whom Chief Luthuli dedicated the Nobel Peace Prize – who belong among those he described as 'millions who have dedicated their lives to the service of mankind' – and who lived to see the new South Africa being born need to pose and answer the important questions – is everything that has happened in South Africa and the rest of Africa consonant with what Chief Luthuli sacrificed for and what have been and are our responsibilities in this regard?"** – Perhaps to add to this question, it is important to ask, do we appreciate the sacrifices made by Chief Luthuli when we live during times where South Africa faces the challenge of moral decay, the scourge of gender-based, adverse poverty, inequality and racial intolerance? Do we even ponder and ask why Chief Luthuli was so committed to the principle of non-violence? Probably everyone should try to answer these questions.

The lecture also revisited the fundamental principles of leadership. It should be remembered that Chief Luthuli subscribed to the notion

of the gospel of service and sacrifice. He believed a leader should always put his people first, ahead of personal selfish interest. Unfortunately, leadership today has suffered and denigrated to the level of patronage politics, greed and politics of accumulation, an antithesis of Chief Luthuli's understanding of leadership. This is the paradox of the post-1994 dispensation. It is contrary to what leadership should be about. The generation of Chief Luthuli knew the dangers of being consumed by an appetite for power and wealth, hence they subscribed to the notion of servant leadership whose interest was a gospel of service and always putting people first.

The lecture touched on the idea of Pan Africanism, the idea of a united Africa, not a compartmentalised Africa that is weakened by boundaries, where resources and labour are siphoned and extracted to other developed countries of the world to the detriment of Africa. This idea of a united Africa was very important for Chief Luthuli. He saw the struggle for freedom in South Africa as not separated from struggle in Africa. This was also reflected in Chief Luthuli's acceptance speech when he dedicated the award to South Africa and the continent of Africa, thus calling for a symbiotic approach to Africa's problems.

The lecture was a hybrid event; a live broadcast on SABC Channel 404 and SAFM and received interviews on Vuma FM, Vibe FM, uKhozi FM, Intokozo FM and Khwezi FM. The annual lecture is a broadcast in English. However, uKhozi FM translated former President's speech to IsiZulu Language as well. The full recording of the speech is available on YouTube.

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## THE COURT IN SESSION AT KWADUKUZA MAGISTRATE COURT, PRESIDED OVER BY MAGISTRATE ROSE SEPENG

### The Luthuli Museum Moot Court Competition for high schools 2021

The University of KwaZulu Natal-Howard College in partnership with the Luthuli Museum successfully staged the Schools Moot Court Competition, at KwaDukuza Magistrate Court on 18 October 2021. The event saw eight learners from Mbhekamuzi Secondary School assuming different court proceedings roles.

In preparation for the competition, a team of UKZN Law School academics and Street Law students ran six sessions of training workshops in June and July with the learners, on the Constitution and human rights Law and how to prepare legal arguments.

The Moot Court program is part of a community upliftment initiative undertaken by the School of Law's Street Law programme, which aims to create greater

awareness in schools and communities (mostly disadvantaged communities) about the justice system, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights, and to encourage young learners to consider pursuing a career in law. Through this program, final year students as part of their course requirements, are required to complete 20 outreach lessons on law and human rights and have successfully taught basic legal knowledge to school learners, civil society groupings and communities.

The Luthuli Museum approached the University of KwaZulu Natal School of Law and formed partnership to fulfil parts of its mission to uphold and promote the values and philosophies of the late Chief Albert Luthuli in respect for human rights. In so doing museum engages in the Moot Court for high schools in an aid to raise awareness about South African Justice System.

On the day of the competition, the learners presented their legal arguments at the Court, in front of the presiding Magistrate Rose Sepeng, representatives from the

Luthuli Museum, representatives from the University of KwaZulu Natal and supporters of the learners.

The winning pupil Mbali Masinga was awarded a bursary by the Dean of the Law School, Prof. Managay Reddi, to undertake an LL B degree at UKZN, should she wish to pursue a career in law. Runners up, Precious Dlamini, Nkosingiphile Ncube and Nkululeko Ncance were awarded trophies and certificates of participation.

Each year, as it unfolds, the museum engages in collaborative programmes and partnerships to ensure that the commemoration of the life of Chief Albert Luthuli and Mrs. Nokukhanya Luthuli is experienced and remembered by South Africans at large and all those who hold dear his contribution to the building of a better world for all. As much for appreciation to the University of KwaZulu Natal- Street Law their contribution to this program has seen this program become an annual program.

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## THE 60th NOBEL PEACE PRIZE LAUREATE CHIEF ALBERT HONoured THROUGH SOCCER TOURNAMENT

The 16th of December provided an opportunity to highlight South Africa's historical and cultural heritage as the nation paid respect to Reconciliation Day Celebrations. The Luthuli Museum in an aid to foster social cohesion and historical lessons it partnered with the iLembe District Municipality, KwaDukuza Municipality, iLembe District Department of Sports and Recreation and presented a Soccer Tournament at the Stanger High School Sports Grounds on 16 December.

This year's celebration of Reconciliation Day could not have happened at a better time where the Luthuli Museum was celebrating the 60th Nobel Peace Prize Anniversary in an aid to continue the drive to foster greater unity through South African history. The 10th day of December 1961 in the world history in Norway continues to be of great significance for its socio-historical background.

It is with such milestones that the Luthuli Museum celebrates Chief Albert Luthuli through sports as he was a sport fanatic.

Sports has shown its ability to unite people from all social classes. Chief Albert Luthuli linked soccer and human rights by defending Africans' right to play. Football was part of the larger struggle for equality and self-determination.



The tournament was open to iLembe District open division. Twelve teams participated in the tournament: Groutville Legends, Mega Pirates Masters, CBD Warriors, More Fire, Brothers for life, Thembeni Masters, Madundube Masters, Maphumulo Masters, Nkobongo Masters, Townview Legends, Mandeni Masters and Indlu Yamandla Men's Club.

The teams brought such excitement in the festive season as the fans cheered to the win of the Nkobongo Masters who battled against Thembeni Masters.

Nkobongo Masters went away with the tournament trophy and medals while second place and third place were awarded medals. Preliminary to the tournament, the collaboration of the institutions saw the launch at the Luthuli Museum on the 8th of December.

The launch was graced by the presence of KwaDukuza Mayor, Honourable Lindi Nhaca, Luthuli Museum Council Chairperson Mr. Important Mkhize, iLembe Deputy Mayor Mr. James Van Whye and KwaDukuza Cllr. Mr. Njabulo Cele and participating teams Managers.

Both the events provided an opportunity to escape from the negativities of the environment that has been brought about by the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic. More than this, however, it provided an opportunities to rebuild relationships and the re-use of our spaces and environments and served as a symbol of resistance.

The staging of this soccer tournament was a realisation of the vision and struggles in sport of people like Chief Luthuli. "Soccer humanised us and the beautiful game aims at drawing an awareness to the multi-layered game that soccer is." – Chief Albert Luthuli

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**DR. ALBERTINAH LUTHULI CONGRATULATED THE MRS. NOKUKHANYA LUTHULI CHESS TOURNAMENT WINNERS.**

**Mrs. Nokukhanya Luthuli inspires chess tournaments at the Luthuli Museum**

March 3 is an important day that is celebrated at the Luthuli Museum as it marks the birth of Mrs. Nokukhanya Luthuli, a wife to Chief Albert Luthuli who was the President General of the African National Congress and led the liberation movement in the 1950s and the 1960s.

Mrs. Luthuli was a woman of rare qualities, a pillar of strength and resilience as a mother and a wife to Chief Luthuli during the most trying times in the history of South Africa anti-apartheid resistance politics. She embodied humility and

selflessness, distinguishing herself as a leader away from limelight of political office and popular public opinion.

In celebration of Mrs. Nokukhanya Luthuli's life the youth of Groutville who form the committee of the Chief Albert Luthuli Chess Club, Mr. Xolani Myeni, Mr. Leon Nxumalo, Mr. Vusi Masinga and Ms. Bongiwane supported by the Luthuli Museum held a Chess Tournament at the Luthuli Museum.

This tournament started in 2014. The participation in the 2022 tournament was open to Junior Primary School, Senior Primary School, and High School learners. The winners were awarded the trophies and medals and as a symbol of a birthday

celebration, all participants were served a birthday cake.

Boys top players boys division section A were Mthobisi Nzuza, Jansie Nhlangothi and Mfanukhona Mthembu, in girls section A were Cadence Budhram, Gcina Mkhize and Amanda Ngwane.

Meanwhile girls section B on lead was Kaylee Budhram, Aphile Mkwanazi and Snetheba Sbiya. Section B Boys was led by Lungani Mhlongo, Ntokoza Gumede and Zubenathi Buthelezi. Section C was dominated by Hlelo Bhodoza, Amahle Mabaso, Shweta Raypath, Mawande Mpanza, Uminathi Mbeje and Simphiwe Gasa.

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**BALCOMBS HILL CIRCUIT TEACHERS HONOURED FOR EXCELLENT MATRIC RESULTS**



Mr. Martin Ziqubu walked away with the Special Award, here with Balcomb's Hill Circuit Manager, Mrs. Ngolo and Dr. Albertinah Luthuli

MzikayiseNdlovuFoundation with Khwezi FM partnered with the Luthuli Museum delivered the Excellence Teachers' Awards Function at the Luthuli Museum on Human Rights Day.

Delivering his keynote address at the Excellence Teachers Awards Function, Dr. N.M. Mngomezulu, he congratulated the CM of Balcomb's Hill Mrs. Ngolo for good Matric pass rate. He said having functions of this nature is crucial in reviving the concept of Ubuntu.

He said Ubuntu are common values system found in most African societies, such as collectiveness, solidarity, interdependence, and communalism and respect for self and others.

Dr. Mngomezulu encouraged teachers to use their home ground advantage to excel. He pleaded with teachers to be parents to learners and be role models.

The awards were a success collaboration of the foundation, Radio Khwezi, and the Luthuli Museum.

Intended to honour the Matric teachers at the Balcomb's Hill Circuit for a good Matric pass rate in the class of 2021. Among the awards given, a special award was awarded to Mr. Martin Ziqubu for 40 years of commitment and service in the Education Department.

When receiving his award, Mr. Ziqubu, he gave thanks to God for guidance. He further said teaching especially in times of ever-changing technology, poses a milestone of challenges, teachers as well as learners battle with social challenges and poverty. He further said we live in times where moral decay is rife, thus he urged teachers to be cautious of how they use social media platforms as they can make or destroy ones life and dignity.

The former Minister of South Africa Mr. Nhlamhla Kunene attended this prestigious function. Dr. Albertinah Luthuli, Chief Albert Luthuli's daughter and Dr. Zandile Matchaba, who is a grandchild to Chief Albert Luthuli represented the Luthuli Family at this function.

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# NOZINCWADI STORY TELLING FESTIVAL.

Dr. Gcina Mhlophe celebrated 20 years of promoting literacy and the culture of reading in South Africa at the opening of the series of events that took place at the Luthuli Museum on 21 October 2021.

The event was a partnership and under the auspices of the Luthuli Museum, Puku Foundation, Wushwini Pan African Centre, Nature Environment Wild Life Film Maker, Ekhaya Multi Art Centre-KCAP, Department of Arts and Culture, eThekweni Municipal Libraries and AFDA.

The Key-note speaker was Dr Elinor Sisulu, the Executive Director of @pukufoundation. Dr. Sisulu advised the youth in attendance to revisit South African history and learn about philosophies that brought about freedom.

In Dr. Mhlophe's opening speech, she affectionately alluded to the long-standing relationship she shared with Chief Albert Luthuli's wife Mrs. Nokukhanya Luthuli and the Luthuli Family.

Dr. Mhlophe said she was thankful for the opportunity to honour Chief Albert Luthuli as she has nurtured the relationship formed with the Luthuli family and she admired the family for their strides in the liberation struggle. Dr. Mhlophe emphasized the importance of intergenerational relations. It is important to share the knowledge to future generations. She thanked her grandmother, MaMchunu as a role model for being an advocate for education in her life.

She also thanked the Luthuli Museum for always supporting educational programmes. 'The Luthuli Museum plays a significant role in support of educational programmes and allow learners from the neighbouring schools an opportunity to gain experience about their history and their culture.'

The day was an unfold of activities that included poetry recitals by Groutville High School learners, a beautiful rendition of melodies by Gogo Bavelile.

In closing, the drummers from Ekhaya Multi Arts Centre set the area abuzz with their rhythmic drums.



We are going to see more of these activities at the Luthuli Museum as UNESCO has declared 2022-2032 as a decade to celebrate indigenous languages. Gcinamasiko will continue to partner with the Luthuli Museum and bring to communities and schools performances in storytelling and poetry.

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## LUTHULI MUSEUM EMPLOYEES TEAM BUILDING

On 14 December 2021, the Luthuli Museum set out to build stronger bonds among the members of its employees through an array of activities, for employees to get to know one another better and develop cohesive working relationships. The day began with a wellness session that provided valuable information and skills to employees with the aim to support both physical and mental health, in and out of work.

The activities on the day focused on both physical and psychological activities that included participation in outdoor games, mindfulness, and nutritionist guidance. The activities served to reinforce the importance of self-care, stress management, and striking the right balance between work and rest.

Most employees attested to having learnt a new skill or tool they can use to help manage their own health. The wellness session was facilitated by General Practitioner, Dr. Decent Mdletshe and Clinical Psychologist Lindiwe Mbutho, both from KwaDukuza. Physical activities took place at the Clubventure in Esenembe.

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