

2019 TuksSport Colours and Awards

Record-breaking swimmer Tatjana Schoenmaker was named Sportswoman of the Year while Akani Simbine won Sportsman of the Year at the annual TuksSport Colours and Awards ceremony.

Athletes and support staff were honoured at the prestigious event, which took place on 25 October 2019 at the Rembrandt Hall, Hillcrest Sports Campus.

It seemed as if the Tuks swimmer, Tatjana Schoenmaker, can do nothing wrong. She won two gold medals (100m as well as 200m breaststroke) at the World Student Games in Napoli, Italy.

Schoenmaker made South African sports history during the World Long Course Championships in South Korea by becoming the first female swimmer to medal. She won a silver in the 200m-breaststroke. To top it all, she also won two gold medals at the Tokyo World Cup (100m and 200m breaststroke).

Over the last three years, Schoenmaker has managed to continually improve her 200m breaststroke times. In 2017 her best was 2:24.61, and last year it was 2:22.02. During the World Championships, she swam 2:21.79. She has already qualified for next year's Olympic Games.

The Tuks based sprinter, Akani Simbine, made his own history when he won the 100 metres during the London Diamond League Meeting in July. It is only Simbine's second Diamond League victory. The first was in 2017. Simbine won both his heats during the World Championships in Doha and finished fourth in the final. It is the best performance by a South African sprinter in a 100-metre final. His time of 9.93s is a season's best.

Schoenmaker's coach, Rocco Meiring, deservedly received Coach of the Year award for the individual sport category.

Definite highlights are the fact that Assupol TuksCricket is celebrating 100 years of excellence, and still, they keep dominating club cricket in South Africa. The team has won the Varsity Tournament for a record fourth time in five years. Kruger van Wyk deservedly received the award as the best team coach.

Tuks Netball became the first team not to lose one game during the Varsity Tournament. They have won the title twice in the last three years.

Mr Toby Sutcliffe, Acting Director of TuksSport, said 2018 was a great year for TuksSport, but the results in 2019 has certainly surpassed it.

"It can be acclaimed as one of the best "team" sporting years in the history of TuksSport and the University of Pretoria, not to mention the outstanding performances of some of our individual athletes on the world stage."

He ascribed Tuks's sporting excellence to: "We are doers, challenge the expected and see new ways of achieving them and getting things done. We are passionate about what we do and always looking to convert possibilities and opportunities into success through professionalism, hard work and dedication."

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- Sportsman of the Year: Akani Simbine
- Sportswoman of the Year: Tatjana Schoenmaker
- Student Sportsman of the Year: Zokwakhana Zazini
- Student Sportswoman of the Year: Danelle Wentzel
- Student Sports Club of the Year: TuksRowing
- Sports Club of the Year: Assupol TuksCricket
- Coach of the Year (Team Sports): Kruger van Wyk (Assupol TuksCricket)
- Coach of the Year (Individual Sports): Rocco Meiring (TuksSwimming)
- Sports Personality of the Year Dup du Preez (Tuks Athletics)
- Team of the Year Awards: Tuks Rowing
- Principals Award for Exceptional Performance in Academics & Sport: Simbongile Njokwe (TuksFootball) and Tshina Mdau (TuksNetball).
- Principal's Award for Outstanding Performance of a team representing University of Pretoria: TuksNetball
- Student Administrator of the Year: Godfrey Kgatle (TuksChess)
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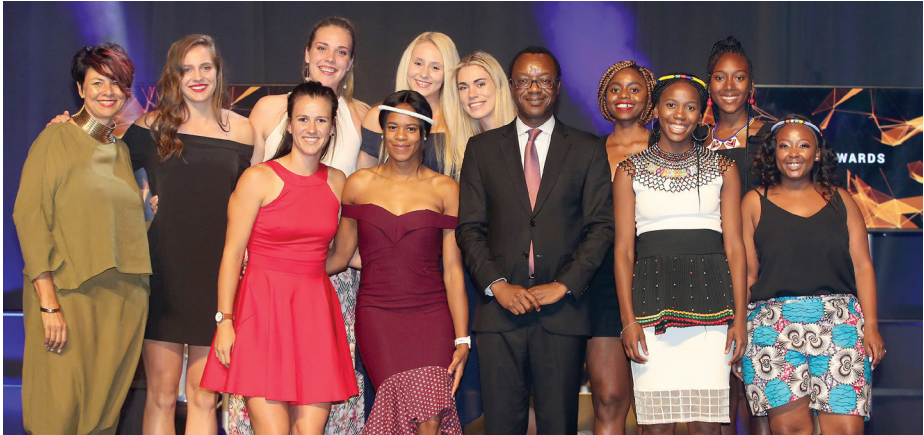
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