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EDUWEEK AWARDS FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

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Celebrating 10 Years of advancing educational knowledge in Africa, EduWeek with SABC Education powered by Intel once again delivered the most comprehensive education event on the continent. It took place on the 29th and the 30th of June 2016 at the Gallagher Convention Centre in Midrand, Johannesburg, EduWeek was all about responding directly to the needs and expectations of the industry.

One of the highlights of the EduWeek calendar was the EduWeek Awards which was sponsored by Pearson and the glamorous affair took place on the evening of the 29th June. Pearson South Africa is part of the largest learning company in the world, publishing and providing core and supplementary educational material specifically designed for the local school curriculum. The EduWeek Awards grew out of the need to recognise excellence across the African education ecosystem. The awards showcase the most innovative and life-changing projects, organisations, companies, teachers and education professionals who have been responsible for pioneering new frontiers, pushing boundaries, for inspiring others and for achieving growth in education in Africa.

Hlubi Mboyi, Presenter on Cliff Central's Future CEO's programme was the MC for the event and was thrilled to be a part of the EduWeek Awards, she commented, "I believe in what EDUWEEK stands for. As a social justice activist, educator and scholar, my purpose is being an advocate that education is for empowerment, action and change. Education designed to empower people must be transformational in nature and help people develop the knowledge, skills, and values needed to become social advocates who can make reflective decisions and implement their decisions in effective personal, social, political and economic action".

These awards brought together 260 of the industry's most influential professionals and was all about recognising, rewarding and celebrating the success of Africa's education sector during 2015/2016. There were many categories within the awards celebrating the vast array of contributors in the education space. From suppliers and distributors that supply education establishments with high quality, safe products appropriate to every day teaching and learning needs in all categories, from Basic Education to Higher Education, Early Childhood Development to Special Needs. Within this category, there was also an Innovation Product Award that recognised a product or service that demonstrates clearly that is new, original and ahead of current thinking.

The categories and winners were as follows:

Supplier/Distributor Award – Basic Education sponsored by Novus Holdings and presented by Nozuko Dedeane, Marketing Officer from Novus Holdings

- One on One Community Based Programmes

Supplier/Distributor Award – Higher Education awarded by Carleen King, Project Consultant, United Nations

- Pert Industrials

Supplier/Distributor Award – Early Childhood Development sponsored by A+ Students and presented by Marlene Mouton, CEO of A+ Students

- Brain Booster

Supplier/Distributor Award – Special Needs

Sponsored by Broadband College of Technology and presented by Nomfundo Molefe, Director

- Edit Microsystems

Supplier/Distributor Award – ICT announced by Steve JobsSchool founder and CEO, Maurice de Hond.

- The Reach Trust

Supplier/Distributor Award – Innovation Product presented by Rianette Leibovitz, Managing Director, SafeTNet Cyber Safety

- Get Smarter

Community sponsored by the Saturday Star and presented by Editor, Kasheefa Ajam

- Edit Microsystems

NGO sponsored by Novus Holdings and presented by Viren Ashookmar

- Brain Booster

Institutional Leader sponsored by Microsoft and presented by Claudia Johnston, South Africa Education Lead, and Warren Hero, SA National Technology Officer

- Schoole Moses Sello, Principal, Mankuroane Technical and Commercial Secondary

Teacher of Tomorrow sponsored by Pearson and presented by Alan Tait, Executive Director: Sales from Pearson

- Lindsay Wesner, EdTech Innovation Leader and Apple Distinguished Educator, Parklands College

Educator Who Cares sponsored by Enterprises University of Pretoria and Michelle Bheemraj, E-Learning Developer announced the winner.

- Schoole Moses Sello, Principal, Mankuroane Technical and Commercial Secondary

Lifetime Achievement sponsored by Pearson presented by Brian Wafawarowa, Executive Director: Learning Services from Pearson

- Phuti Ragophala, Principal, Pula Madibogo Primary School

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The EduWeek Awards are recognised as one of the highest accolades that educators and education suppliers can receive in the education space. Entries are received from all over Africa and are thoroughly researched and judged by a panel that is hand-picked for their expertise and thought leadership in each of the sectors.

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