

February 2010 highlights

- Editor in Chief **Thembeke Gwagwa** talks about Passion, Purpose and Power
- **Cover story: Heather Sam**, the new DENOSA Professional Institute Marketer has a lot of plans up her sleeve. She talked to the Nursing Update about what the future holds for her and DENOSA
- **Heather Sam** gives some information about training opportunities available to DENOSA members through the DPI
- DENOSA President **Ephraim Mafalo** says ‘Actions speak louder than words’
- **Kedibone Mono** reports back on the 2009 Excellence in Health Awards
- Moms who have been there will relate to Michelle Leal’s diary of pregnancy- the final stretch. Supplied by **Jean Veitch**, it serves as a fitting ode to February- Reproductive Health Awareness Month
- **NP Ngomu**, SANNAM Executive Director reports on the SANNAM workshop that was focusing on ‘Engaging African Diaspora in Strengthening Health Systems in the SADC region’
- DENOSA Deputy General Secretary, **David Makhombe** says once nurses get the respect they deserve; they can provide the care that patients need.
- **Asanda Fongqo** reports on the 2009 World AIDS Day commemoration which took place on December 01, 2009 at the Pretoria Showgrounds
- At a retired nurses activity on December 05, 2009 at Frere Hospital Hall in East London, which commemorated World AIDS Day and 16 Days of Activism, **Ms Qona** from Alice highlighted the challenges and fears that retired nurses face

- Limpopo Medi-Clinic nurse receives top International Award
- **Issaskar Afrika**, National Student Forum Organiser tells you what you can look forward to, at this year's National Student Forum congress which takes place from 12 to 14 February.
- Learning in a defensive environment by **Mojalefa Gama**
- The Mmabatho College of Nursing and Excelsior Nursing College held their second annual graduation ceremony on November 14, 2009 at the North West University. **Wayne Ntshabele** reports
- **Simphiwe Gada**, the Chairperson of the DENOSA Student Forum, UJ branch looks at what is going wrong in the Nursing institutions of learning
- Nursing Update Editor **Asanda Fongqo** says South Africa definitely has what it takes to host an international event (FIFA Soccer World Cup).
- **Johannes Motshekga** says persecuting foreign immigrants in South Africa is not only inhumane- it is also short-sighted
- **Felani Mahlangu** comes out in full force about the reality that nurses face on a daily basis and shares her hopes and dreams for the nurses in 2010

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