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UKZN Alumnus receives top instrumental music scholarship

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Mr Linda Sikhakhane

Former UKZN student and graduate, Mr Linda Sikhakhane, recently won the Overseas Scholarship 2016 offered by the [South African Music Rights Organisation \(SAMRO\)](#).

'I feel really honoured to have been given this opportunity to pursue my dream,' Sikhakhane said.

Sikhakhane is a saxophonist and composer from the Umlazi Township, South of Durban. His love for music began when he was just 15 years old with Mrs V Rajmoney from Clairwood Boys Primary School as his first ever musical teacher and he has worked hard all his life towards becoming a qualified musician. He graduated with a Diploma in Jazz/Pop Music.

'Being a UKZN music graduate, I'm really privileged to have been their product. I feel they have played a really big role in shaping my musicianship and I hope they carry on with what they are doing because it is so special.'

He has previously been awarded numerous bursaries from SAMRO, the National Arts Council and the Leeds Youth Big Band, an indication of his talent. He has given back to his community by offering music lessons at the Siyakhula Music Centre in Umlazi where his real love for music was established, and Hill View Primary School.

The SAMRO Overseas Scholarship is worth R200 000 and allows him to study at an International institution of his choice.

'I would love to study or get master classes

in USA. I believe that the US has got so much to offer in terms of the jazz culture because its heritage in jazz is high voltage and it's always best to go to the source.'

His future plans include travelling the world showcasing his music and interacting with musicians in order to grow musically.

'I wish to stay humble as much as possible and purify myself so that I can receive as much music from God in order to express myself through it.'

Sikhakhane expressed great gratitude to his mentors and various institutions that helped him shape his music career.

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