RE-IGNITING THE INTEGRITY OF THE TEACHING PROFESSION

The World Teachers Day was celebrated at University of KwaZulu-Natal Westville Campus on the 5th October 2013. The event was aimed at making the teachers feel valued, to focus attention on the contributions and achievements of teachers and to strengthen the professionalization of teachers.

The Vice President of Education International, Mrs Irene Duncan Adanusa, who was a keynote speaker, highlighted challenges that are faced by teachers worldwide which are training, recruitment of teachers, retention and professionalism of teachers. “If these challenges are conquered, it will be an accomplishment towards better and quality education” said Mrs Duncan Adanusa. Also present at the event was the Deputy Minister of Basic Education, Mr Mohamed Enver Surty who praised teachers for their commitment to quality education.

Nonsikelelo Qolwane (92) was recognized as the world eldest teacher, who has served the Department of Education as a teacher for 72 years. “I am not only teaching children to pass at the end of the year, but I am teaching them to develop their minds” said Gogo Nonsikelelo.