

Ms Nqobile Malaza Citation

Ms Malaza clearly demonstrated that the nominee's work had made a major impact of a transformative nature in her school as well as the Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment. In particular, she has been central in creating structures and processes to facilitate transformation. Ms Malaza was the first chairperson of the School Architecture and Planning Transformation Committee and subsequently chairperson of the Engineering and Built Environment Faculty.

She has demonstrated a commitment to transformation in the manner she mentors and supports students in the planning department. Her innovative approaches empower students, particular from previously disadvantaged black communities, in exceptional ways and she strives to empower her students. Most importantly, she is the barometer for sensing the climate of opinion among students that guides the School on their needs and wants.

Ms Walaza was regarded as a true change agent, her remarkable achievements from someone at lecture level, who was struggling to find time to work on her own PhD. In addition, she had been recognised internationally and was often invited to represent South Africa and Wits University at international events. Ms Malaza started groundwork for the Students Success Fund last year with the intention of raising enough money to sponsor deserving students in their studies.