



**Eden College's Grade 11 learners who sat through the webinar as guests: Cassidy Gaylard, Sivuyile Nyasulu, Chantal Ramlagan, Sapna Pramjee (science teacher), Jashley Salick and Shraya Archary**

# 'Wonder Women in Science' makes learning fun for pupils

**To commemorate National Science Week and National Women's Month, the University of KwaZulu-Natal's College of Agriculture, Engineering and Science honoured its female scientists through a Wonder Women In Science campaign.**

Highlighting women who are passionate about their fields, who are pioneering innovative research and development, and who are examples to women following in their footsteps towards careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). UKZN made a special visit to two KZN schools, Umkhumbane Secondary in Chesterville and Ikusasalentsha Secondary in Inanda, to set up equipment and make it possible for pupils at these schools to join the webinar and also show off their skills as they present a few fun science experiments.

Pupils from Eden College in Berea also joined the webinar as guests. The panel included the 2020 UKZN 'Wonder Women in Science' including Professor Suna Kassier, Dr

Hloniphile Sithole Mthethwa, Dr Lorika Buekes, Dr Bongwiwe Mshengu, and Dr Joy Tuoyo Adu.

All attendees were entered into a lucky draw standing a chance to win prizes valued at R3000, sponsored by Amazon Web Services, Umgeni Water, 2Cana solutions, Elsevier and UKZN. At Eden College, Grade 11 Jashley Salick won a prize. She said: "I'm so excited about the prize. I did not expect it. The civil engineering talk interested me the most and it made me feel better on making a choice on what I want to study."

Cassidy Gaylard said that the talks by Dr Adu and Sr Mshengu interested her. "Both the doctors gave me hope that I can be anything that I wish to be, especially when they said one may not have a direction while they are still in high school, but once you get to university that is when you get a better understanding on what career you want." Gaylard said that the webinar was insightful and she is considering studying towards a science degree or even later a masters.