



## TOP TEACHING AND LEARNING HONOURS FOR UKZN ACADEMIC



**Ms Rosemary Quilling.**

2016 has been a year of high achievement for Information Systems and Technology Lecturer Ms Rosemary Quilling.

She received a UKZN Distinguished Teachers' Award and also the joint Council on Higher Education (CHE) and Higher Education Learning and Teaching Association of Southern Africa (HELTASA) National Teaching Excellence Award.

The annual National Teaching Excellence Awards highlight the valuable contribution made by recipients to teaching and learning in Higher Education in South Africa.

'This award recognises that my teaching practice is valued by my students and the sectors they enter, and that it addresses the challenge of local relevance while also meeting global standards,' said Quilling.

Quilling has spent 20 years in Higher Education and is now pursuing a Doctorate in Education.

'My main motivation has always been to try to improve the experience of both myself and my students in the classroom. I include myself because teachers can also feel bored and disconnected in a classroom. I am continually inspired and motivated when I see evidence of students critically engaging with challenging issues.'

She is looking forward to participating in the upcoming College of Law and Management Studies Teaching and Learning Day and continuing to try new things. In the longer term, she looks forward to exploring opportunities available to her through the excellence award.

'I would like to publicly thank colleagues I have worked with who helped shape me into the teacher I have become as well as those managers and external stakeholders who have supported visions for teaching which may have seemed to strain the limits of what seemed attainable,' she said.

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