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Emcee for the evening was Mr KC Makhubele, the Chief Executive Officer of SADA, who welcomed guests and acknowledged the importance of this platform which has not taken place over the last two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Makhubele also thanked the programme sponsors which included headline sponsor Liberty, as well as sponsors Sensodyne South Africa and the Straumann Group.

This prestigious event showcased the excellent work taking place within dentistry in South Africa, acknowledges outstanding members of the dental and allied professions and celebrates their efforts and commitment to the dental profession.

Also presenting the awards on the night were Dr Nthabiseng P Metsing, Head of Professional Development, and Dr Tinesha Parbhoo, Head of Clinical Support Services at SADA.

Dr Rhonin Naidoo, who was appointed President of SADA in 2020, introduced the keynote speaker for the evening, political commentator, newspaper columnist and bestselling author Mr Justice Malala.

Malala, who was presenting virtually from the USA, unpacked South Africa's tough political climate over the last two years. He cited the community unrest during July 2021 along with the pandemic and issues such as load shedding as having enormous impact on both our businesses and our lives. He ended his address by recognizing the amazing resilience of South Africans, our positive attitude and our ability to do extraordinary things.

Mrs Daphne Rampersad, Liberty Investment Advice Lead, delivered the other keynote address about importance of taking a holistic approach when it comes to financial planning.

A highlight on the night was the presentation of the SADA Premier Award, an award which is given to dentists or dental specialists who have made contributions of the highest distinction in the dental profession both nationally and internationally. Others received the Special awards – awards which are aligned to the SADA awards but do not necessarily fully satisfy the requirements as stipulated in the awards guidelines.

This award went to recipients, namely Prof Leanne Sykes, with Dr Blackie Swart, Dr Howard Gluckman and Prof Peet van der Vyver receiving a Special Premier Award. Individually these award winners displayed selfless commitment, outstanding service, exceptional devotion and/or compassion to the Association and the dental profession.

Other awards on the night included the SADA Service Excellence Awards. This year SADA took the decision to award 3 Service Excellence Awards highlighting various key players within the organization.

Dr Karen Bennie received the SADA Special Service Excellence Award on behalf of the RVU Steering Committee to acknowledge their hard work and dedication over a three-year period which resulted in the publication of a crucial benchmark to calculate procedure tariffs accurately and fairly.

Dr Oelie Van Schalkwyk and Dr Blackie Swart accepted the second SADA Special Service Excellence Award on behalf of the COVID-19 Guidelines Team, Dr Unben Pillay accepting the third SADA Service excellence Award on behalf of the COVID-19 Vaccination Team.

Other awards included:

- SADA Meritorious Service Award – Dr Surandar Singh and Dr Marietjie Weakley
- SADA Young Publisher Award – Dr Saskia Schwabe
- University Medals Award – Dr Daniel Shepherd, Dr Althaaf Khan, Dr Eric Heyl, and Dr Shaandre van Niekerk
- SADA University Leadership Award – Dr Esme Sithole, Dr Thapelo Mashao, Dr Nicole Bentley, and Dr Shaandre van Niekerk.
- SADA Office Bearer of The Year – Dr Renier Putter and Dr Stephen Swanepoel
- SADA Trader of The Year – Dr Faizel Mansoor accepted the award on behalf of Dental Care
- SADA Industry Innovation Award - Dr Faizel Mansoor accepted the award on behalf of Dental Care
- SADA Humanitarian Award – Dr Betsie Louw
- SADA Honorary Membership Award – Prof Lekan Ayo-Yusuf

Mr Makhubele ended the awards by urging all SADA members to nominate worthy candidates and colleagues for the 2021 SADA Awards, scheduled for later this year.

To watch a recording of the awards as well as details of all the winners, go to <https://www.sada.co.za/awards2020>

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About SADA:

The South African Dental Association (SADA) is the peak national body for the dental profession in South Africa representing the large majority of active registered dentists, both in the public and private sectors in South Africa. It is a non-profit professional association with voluntary membership organisation represented by a total of 11 branches, one in every province of the Republic of South Africa, with Gauteng and Eastern Cape provinces having two branches each. The Association represents the interests of both the oral health profession and its members in South Africa.

The Association is committed and engaged in processes relating to setting industry standards and formulating policies. Learn more about SADA at <https://www.sada.co.za>

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