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Dear Mrs Sunder

National Excellence in Teaching and Learning Awards 2012

On behalf of the Heltasa/CHE National Excellence in Teaching and Learning Awards Selection Committee, we have great pleasure in informing you that you have been selected as a recipient of this award for 2012. You are one of five awardees, out of a total of 38 nominations from across South Africa. The quality of the candidates was extremely high, and we believe your selection is a great achievement. We hope that you will be able to serve as a role model and leader with regard to teaching excellence, both at your institution, as well as in the higher education sector in South Africa.

The Committee congratulates you on a coherent and inspiring philosophy showing up to date knowledge of teaching and learning and your development as a teacher over time. Your teaching and assessment methods are systematically aligned to your philosophy and your passion for what you do is very evident. Your use of technology and blended learning is noted by the Committee. You have used use a good mix of activities over the years with increasing complexity and learner autonomy required. Your achievements are particularly exceptional given the challenging environment in which you work. Your evidence of effective teaching is robust, rigorous and diverse. Your wider impact is noteworthy and the evidence provided supported your discussion. Your presentation format was fresh and exciting.

The Committee recommends that you extend the influence of your work further afield, possibly through the use of the scholarship on teaching and learning, so as to extend your influence beyond your discipline and university.

The awards will be given at the panel session, *Telling Teaching Tales*, which will form part of a plenary that is scheduled for the annual Heltasa Conference, on 29 November 2012 from 8.30 am – 10.30 am. The conference will take place at Stellenbosch University from 28 – 30 November 2012. You are requested to make a 7-10 minute presentation at the plenary

panel session at the conference. More information about the conference, including the programme, is available at http://www.sun.ac.za/heltasa.

After the conference you will be contacted by Ms Pam du Toit of the CHE to make arrangements to transfer the sum of R30 000 to you as this is attached to the award. The Committee has asked that the awardees make their portfolios available on the Heltasa and CHE websites after the awards ceremony at the conference.

Your registration fees for the conference have been waived. It would be helpful if you could let Brenda Leibowitz know as soon as possible (<u>bleibowitz@sun.ac.za</u>) whether you are able to attend the conference (preferably by 30 September), so that relevant arrangements can be made.

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Kind regards

Mrs Hay

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