



UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE
UNIVERSITEIT VAN DIE VRYSTAAT
YUNIVESITHI YA FREISTATA

GRADUATION CEREMONY

QWAQWA CAMPUS

FRIDAY | 10 APRIL | 09:00

Faculty of **Economic and Management Sciences**

Bachelor's degrees

Faculty of **Natural and Agricultural Sciences**

Bachelor's degrees, honours degrees, master's degrees, and
doctoral degrees

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PROGRAMME

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OFFICIAL WELCOME

MUSICAL ITEM

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

NATIONAL ANTHEM OF SOUTH AFRICA

DISSOLUTION OF THE CONGREGATION

In order to maintain the dignity of the ceremony, you are requested to take note of the following:

- Please stand as the procession enters the hall
- Do not move around during the ceremony in order to take photos
- Please refrain from unacceptable actions such as whistling
- Please put your cellphone on silent so as not to disturb the proceedings
- We strive to conduct the ceremonies in a dignified manner
- Please do not leave the hall before the graduation proceedings have been concluded
- Family and friends who are unable to attend may watch the full graduation ceremonies through our livestream link at <https://livestream.ufs.ac.za>

PLEASE NOTE

List of candidates receiving degrees, diplomas, and certificates:

Degrees, diplomas, and certificates of candidates who are unable to attend the graduation ceremony will be conferred in absentia.

An* next to a name indicates that the degree, diploma, or certificate is awarded with distinction.

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ABOUT THE UFS



BLOEMFONTEIN, QWAQWA, AND SOUTH CAMPUSES

The University of the Free State (UFS) has a proud history as one of the oldest institutions of higher education in South Africa. It opened its doors in Bloemfontein in 1904 as the Grey University College with six students in The Humanities. Today it is a multi-campus institution with two diverse campuses in Bloemfontein and one in Qwaqwa in the scenic Eastern Free State, accommodating more than 39 000 students in its seven faculties (Economic and Management Sciences, Education, Health Sciences, The Humanities, Law, Natural and Agricultural Sciences, Theology and Religion), with a significant number of international students and associates, and an ever-widening scope of active involvement in and contribution to its surrounding communities.

For more than 120 years, the University of the Free State has been delivering quality graduates who have made their mark in various sectors. What distinguishes the university is its holistic student support initiatives that enable it to achieve some of the highest success rates in the country.

Preparing students who are in high demand in the global job market remains a top priority. A strong network of established industry partners and close collaboration with the public and private sectors, as well as a continuing

commitment to transformation and curriculum renewal all converge to produce graduates who are ready to make an impact.

The UFS' research efforts are driven by dedicated scholars, some of whom are international leaders in their fields, with industry and social impact and real-world application.

Through the principle of engaged scholarship, the university responds to societal needs by applying its scholarly and professional expertise with an intentional public purpose and benefit.

The University of the Free State is an institution fully committed to offering students and staff an exceptional university experience. Its work is anchored in the values of excellence, impact, accountability, care, social justice, and sustainability.

The UFS aspires to be an innovative research-led, student-centred, and regionally engaged university that contributes meaningfully to responsible societal futures.

It is committed to cultivating thoughtful leaders and pioneering knowledge, guided by its North Star – shaping responsible societal futures for its surrounding communities and beyond.

Inspiring excellence, transforming lives through quality, impact, and care.

MESSAGE FROM VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRINCIPAL: UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE

Welcome to the graduation ceremony of the University of the Free State (UFS).

Today is indeed a special day. Few occasions hold as much significance as your graduation, both for you and for those who have supported you along the way. Many of you have had to overcome numerous challenges during your journey to get to where you are today. Many of you are the first in your families to reach this significant milestone. You have earned this moment, and you should be extremely proud of your achievement.

Graduands, you have had the honour of studying at a reputable, caring institution with a history spanning more than 120 years. Always acknowledge and recognise the significance of your achievements as you transition from being a University of the Free State (UFS) student to a UFS graduate. I invite you to stay connected to your alma mater as proud alumni.

Although the mission of our university has always been to equip you with the knowledge and skills needed to make a difference in your field of study, we are also mindful that values are just as important for you to make a difference in your community. The University of the Free State places great emphasis on ensuring that students have an outstanding university experience. In our pursuit of excellence, we are proud that our environment is conducive to intellectual and personal growth. As such, our values of excellence, impact, accountability, care, social justice, and sustainability are embedded in all activities across the institution.

As you step into the world beyond the University of the Free State, remember that your education is a powerful tool. I urge you to use this tool to pursue our university's quest to create responsible societal futures – using your knowledge and skills to shape a more humane, more just, and more equitable world for future generations. Use it to create positive change, to question the status quo, and to pursue your passions with determination. The future may seem uncertain, but it is filled with possibilities waiting for your unique talents and contributions. As you embark on your next adventure, carry with you the lessons you have learned and the courage to forge your own path.

Celebrate your success, cherish the memories, and embrace the opportunities that lie ahead. The world is yours to explore, and we cannot wait to see all the incredible things you will do and accomplish.

Congratulations to all our Kovsie graduands. May you have continued success in all your endeavours!

Best wishes

PROF HESTER C. KLOPPER

VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRINCIPAL



Siyanamukela emcimbini wokuthweswa kweziqu waseNyuvesi yase-Free State.

Usuku lwanamhlanje lungolukhethekile futhi olubalulekile kithi. Imibalwa imicimbi engaqhathaniswa nalo wokuthweswa iziqu, uma ubheka ohlangothini lwakho nalolo lwalabo ebebekuseka ngesikhathi uzabalaza lolu suku luyingqophamlendo. Iningi lenu lihlangebezana nezingqinamba ezinhlobonhlobo kulolu hambo olujule kangaka. Iningi lenu ningabokuqala ngqa emindenini yenu ukuthi nifnyelele kuleli qophelo lempilo. Le mpumelelo ifike ngokuzikhandla kwenu ngakho kumele niwuthakasele lo mzuzu, futhi niziqhenye ngokuphindiwe ngomvuzo wezithukuthuku zenu.

Nina enizohlomula umvuzo-nibe nethuba eliyinqayizivele lokufunda esikhungweni semfundo ephakeme esineminyaka eyi-121 ubudala. Mihla yonke kumele uhlale ukutusa futhi ukuncoma ukubaluleka kwempumelelo yakho njengoba ususuka esigabeni sokuba umfundi waseNyuvesi yase-Free State usunyakela esigabeni sokuba isifundiswa sakhona. Ngiyanicela ukuthi nihlale

nixhumene nozakwenu ebenifunda nabo ngokuthi niziqhenye ukuthi ningabanye bezingqalabutho ezanyathela emagcekeni ale nyuvesi.

Kuyiqiniso elingephikwe ukuthi impokophelo yeNyuvesi yethu kuhlale kungukukupha ulwazi namakhono adingekayo ukwenza ushintsho endimeni yakho yemfundo ephakeme, kodwa angeke sikulibale ukuthi amava nawo abaluleke ngokwedlulele ukuze wenze ushintsho emphakathini wangakini. INyuvesi yase-Free State iqinisekisa ukuthi abafundi baba nomunga ongekohlakale ngokwenzeka emanyuvesi. Emzameni wethu wokugcina ubuyoninco, siyaziqhenya ngokuthi isikhungo sethu singesivulelekile ekutheni umuntu nomuntu akhule ngokwemfundo nangokwempilo jikelele! Ukufakazela lokhu, amava ethu obuyoninco, ukuphucula nokuba neqhaza, ukuzibophezela, ukunakekela, inhlalohle, nokulondoloza abonakala kuzo zonke izimiso nezinhlelo zesikhungo sethu.

Uma kungenzeka uye kwenye indawo yempilo okungesiyo iNyuvesi yase-Free State, ukhumbule ukuthi imfundo yakho iyisikhiye sekhethele. Ngiyakuncenga ukuthi uyisebenzise ukwenza uguquko olunezithelo, uyisebenzise ukulwisana nezimiso ezibekwe abaphezulu, nokuthi ukwazi ukufezekisa amaphupho akho ngomdlandla. Ikusasa alaziwa, kodwa ekugcineni kwakho konke lihlezi lifumbethe amathuba asuke elinde ukuthi uwamukele ngokwamakhono akho nangalokho okuphonse esivivaneni. Njengoba usuzoqala olunye uhambo lwempilo, hlala njalo ukhumbula izimiso osuzifundile kanye nokugququzeleka okutholile ukuze ucabe indlela yakho ethi 'wena!'

Thokozelani impumelelo yenu, nixoxe ngezamzukwana, niphinde nithakasele amathuba eniwaphathelwe ikusasa. Umhlaba ulindele ukuba niwuthuthukise, ngakho angeke sisakwazi ukulinda ukuthi sinibone nenza futhi niphothula izinto ezinhle.

Sithi halala kubo bonke abazokwethweswa iziqu namhlanje. Sengathi ningaqhakaza ngempumelelo kukho konke enikwenzayo.

Onifisela okuhle

NGU-SOLWAZI HESTER C. KLOPPER

ONGUSEKELA-SHANSELA APHINDE ABE NGU-THISHANHLOKO

Re a le amohela moketeng ona wa dikgau le dikapeso tsa Yunivesithi ya Freistata (UFS).

Letsatsi la kajeno efela e le le ikgethileng. Ke diketsahalo tse mmalwa tse nang le bohlokwa jwaloka mokete wa hao wa dikapeso, molemong wa hao esita le bao ba nnileng ba o tshehetsa nakong ena yohle. Ba bangata ba lona ba ile ba lokela ho hlola diphephetso tse ngata nakong ya leeto lena ho tla fihla moo le leng teng kajeno. Ba bangata ba lona le ba pele malapeng a bolona ho fihlella mokolokotwane ona wa bohlokwa. Le sebeditse ka thata ho fihla nakong ena, mme le lokela ho ba motlotlo ka phihlelo ena ya lona.

Lona boradikgau, le bile le tlotla ya ho ithuta yunivesithing e nang le dilemo tse 121. Kamehla le amohela le ho ananela bohlokwa ba diphihlelo tsa lona ha le fetola maemo a ho ba baithuti ba Yunivesithi ya Freistata (UFS) mme jwale le se le ba boradikgau ba UFS. Ke le kopa ho dula le ikamahanya le mohlodi ona wa lona wa dikgau tsa thuto, le le boradikgau ba motlotlo.

Le hoja sepheo sa yunivesithi ya rona e nnile ya ba ho le hlomella ka tsebo le ka boitsebelo ba mesebetsi e hlokehang bakeng sa ho etsa diphetoho mafapheng a dithuto tsa lona, re ntse re tseba hore makgabane a molemo ho wena ho etsa diphetoho setjhabeng sa heno. Yunivesithi ya Freistata e hatella haholo ho etsa bonnete ba hore baithuti ba na le boiphihlelo bo hlwahlwa ka yunivesithi. Mabapi le kgothaletso ya rona ya boipabolo bo hlwahlwa, re motlotlo hore tikoloho ya rona e tshehetsa kgolo ya kelello le mahlale esita le ntshetsopele ya botho. Ka tsela e jwale, makgabane a rona a boipabolo bo hlwahlwa, boitshimollelo, sekghala, boikarabelo, tlhokomelo, toka ya setjhaba, le tshwarello, di keneleditwe mesebetsing yohle ya institjushene kapa setsha sena sa thuto.

Ha e le mona le kena lefatsheng le ka nqane ho meedi ya Yunivesithi ya Freistata, hopolang hore thuto ke sesebediswa se matla. Ke le kopa hore le e sebedise ho sibolla diphetoho tse molemo, ho nahanisisa ka hohle ka maemo a bophelo a hona jwale, esita le ho ntshetsa pele ditabatabelo tsa lona ka boikemisetsa. Bokamoso bo ka bonahala bo sa kgothale, empa bo tletse maemo a kgonahalo a emetseng dineo tsa lona tse ikgethileng esita le tsona diabo tsa lona. Ha le tswela pele ka sepheo sa lona se latelang bophelong, hlomellang ka dithuto tseo le ithutileng tsona le tshepo ya ho ipetlela tsela ho ya pele.

Ketekang katleho ya lona, thabelang mehopollo ya mahopotsane, mme le amohela menyetla e tlang. Lefatshe lena ke la lona hore le le sibolle, mme re ke ke ra emisa ho tadima ka tebelo dintho tse makatsang tseo le tla di etsa le hona ho di fihlella.

Ditakaletso tsa mahlohonolo ho baithuti ba rona ba Kovsie ba amohetseng dikgau. E se eka le ka ba le katleho e tswelapeng pele mererong yohle ya lona ya boiteko!

Madume

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SHEILA SISULU

Sheila Sisulu is a distinguished South African diplomat, advocate, and public servant whose career has been defined by a sustained commitment to education, food security, and social justice.

She served as Chancellor of Walter Sisulu University until 2023 and previously held senior leadership roles at the World Food Programme (WFP) in Rome from 2003 to 2013. During this period, she served as Deputy Executive Director for Policy and External Affairs and later as Deputy Executive Director for Hunger Solutions, contributing significantly to global efforts to combat food insecurity.

Her diplomatic career began in 1997 when she was appointed Consul General in New York. In 1999, former President Nelson Mandela appointed her as South Africa's first Black female Ambassador to the United States.

In South Africa, Sisulu has held several leadership roles in civil society and government. She served with the South African Council of Churches and later as Director of the Joint Enrichment Project, a youth development organisation supporting marginalised communities during the apartheid era. She also served as Special Adviser to the Minister of Education, contributing to the development of post-apartheid education legislation, particularly in the areas of gender equity, youth development, and early childhood education.

Sisulu has received numerous awards and honorary doctorates in recognition of her contributions to public service and social development. These include honorary doctorates from Rhodes University for her work in advancing food security, and from the University of Maryland and the City University of New York. Her earlier accolades include the Allan Pifer Fellowship (1989), the Nedbank Femina Woman of the 90s Award (1993), and the South African Women for Women Education Award (1998). She holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland, and a postgraduate qualification in Education from the University of the Witwatersrand.



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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY MAJORING IN BOTANY

MOLOI, Karabo Thato

Karabo Thato Moloi was born in Soweto on 3 December 1993. She received her secondary education in Kestell, where she matriculated from Retief Hoërskool in 2011. She obtained a BSc degree in 2014 and an Honours in 2015, both at the University of the Witwatersrand. She obtained an MSc in Botany with distinction in 2022 at the University of the Free State. She started her career as a field intern in Skukuza, Kruger National Park, in 2017, was appointed at the Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL) in 2021, and is currently a postdoctoral fellow in the Plant Sciences Department at the University of Free State.

With her thesis titled: **DRIVERS OF INVASIVE ROSACEAE IN THE GRASSLAND BIOME OF SOUTH AFRICA**, Dr Moloi made a significant contribution to our understanding of woody plant invasions, from the mountains of the eastern Free State to the national level. These invasive plants severely compromise South Africa’s vital mountain water resources and unique biodiversity, adversely affecting local and downstream communities alike. By examining functional traits, dispersal processes, and multi-trophic interactions, she demonstrates how species traits, vertebrate-mediated dispersal, and climatic constraints interact to drive shrub expansion. Her research provides essential insights for the management and prevention of invasive species that threaten the long-term integrity of South Africa’s high-elevation ecosystems. This work is a crucial step in safeguarding these grasslands against the ecological shifts that jeopardise their essential ecosystem services.

Supervisor: Prof GD Martin

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MASTER’S DEGREES

**MASTER OF SCIENCE
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Dissertation Title:
MACROINVERTEBRATE
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VEGETATION DYNAMICS
IN HIGH ELEVATION

WETLANDS OF THE EASTERN
ESCARPMENT, SOUTH AFRICA

Supervisor: Prof S Steenhuisen

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M Greve

MBOYI, Lumko*

Dissertation Title: INVASION
PATTERNS AND IMPACTS
OF THE GRASS *NASSELLA*

TENUISSIMA IN THE EASTERN
CAPE MALOTI-DRakensberg,
SOUTH AFRICA

Supervisor: Prof VR Clark

Co-Supervisors: Dr K Canavan,
Prof S Steenhuisen and Dr A
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Dissertation Title: ENHANCING *PHASEOLUS VULGARIS* TOLERANCE AGAINST *FUSARIUM OXYSPORUM* USING ENDOPHYTIC MICROBES

Supervisor: Dr A Gokul

Co-supervisors: Prof M Keyster and Prof A Klein

**MASTER OF SCIENCE
MAJORING IN COMPUTER
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Dissertation Title: TOWARDS RESPONSIBLE AI: IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY IN MOBILE APPS USING LARGE LANGUAGE MODELS

Supervisor: Dr AA Akinyelu

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**MASTER OF SCIENCE
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Supervisor: Dr KK Mashiane

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Morena boloka setjhaba sa heso,
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Oor ons ewige gebergtes,
Waar die kranse antwoord gee,
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