

**VISION 130**  
Renew and Reimagine  
towards 2034



**EXCELLENCE**

**UFS**  
**HEALTH SCIENCES**

# GRADUATION CEREMONY

**TUESDAY | 10 DECEMBER 2024**  
**09:00**

## Faculty of Health Sciences

Bachelor's degrees, postgraduate diplomas, master's degrees, and  
doctoral degrees



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

# PROGRAMME

10 DECEMBER 2024 | 09:00  
**BLOEMFONTEIN CAMPUS**

**CONSTITUTION OF THE CONGREGATION**

**OFFICIAL WELCOME**

**MUSICAL ITEM**

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES**

**CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE**

**NATIONAL ANTHEM OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**DISSOLUTION OF THE CONGREGATION**

## **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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# Nkosi sikelel' iAfrika

## NATIONAL ANTHEM OF SOUTH AFRICA

Maluphakanyisw' uphondo lwayo,  
Yizwa imithandazo yethu,  
Nkosi sikelela, thina lusapho lwayo.  
Morena boloka setjhaba sa heso,  
O fedise dintwa le matshwenyeho,  
O se boloke, O se boloke setjhaba sa heso,  
Setjhaba sa South Afrika -  
South Afrika.  
Uit die blou van onse hemel,  
Uit die diepte van ons see,  
Oor ons ewige gebergtes,  
Waar die kranse antwoord gee,  
Sounds the call to come together,  
And united we shall stand,  
Let us live and strive for freedom,  
In South Africa our land.

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>.



## BLOEMFONTEIN, QWAQWA, AND SOUTH CAMPUSES

# ABOUT THE UFS

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 the past 120 years, the UFS has been delivering quality graduates who have made their mark in various sectors. What sets the institution apart is its holistic student support initiatives, enabling it to achieve some of the highest success rates in the country. Delivering students who are in high demand in the global job market remains a top priority. An established network of industry partners and close collaboration with the public and private sectors, as well as a continuous process of transformation and curriculum renewal, dovetail to produce highly employable graduates.

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 UFS responds to societal needs by using its scholarly and professional expertise with an intentional public purpose and benefit.

The UFS is an institution that goes all out to provide its students and staff with an outstanding university experience. Everything the institution does is rooted in its values of excellence, innovation and impact, accountability, care, social justice, and sustainability.

The UFS aspires to be a research-led, student-centred, and regionally engaged university that contributes to development and social justice through the production of globally competitive graduates and knowledge. Our *Vision 130* is an elaboration of our strategic intent to reposition the university for 2034, when we will commemorate our 130th anniversary.

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

# UFS Honorary Awards | UFS Honorary Doctorates

<b>1950</b>	GLP Moerdyk – DLitt (h.c.)	B Kok – DPhil (h.c.)	PA Verhoef – DTh (h.c.)
<b>1951</b>	NC Havenga – LLD (h.c.)	WP Venter – DCom (h.c.)	L van den Heever – LLD (h.c.)
<b>1952</b>	Thos Blok – DEd (h.c.)	JJN Cloete – DAdmin (h.c.)	HA Wessels – LLD (h.c.)
	SHS Rubidge – DSc (h.c.)	FC Fensham – DLitt (h.c.)	A du P Heys – DMed (h.c.)
<b>1955</b>	CR Swart – LLD (h.c.)	JW vd Riet – DPhil (h.c.)	JF Durand – DPhil (h.c.)
	CA v Niekerk – LLD (h.c.)	BJ Meyer – DSc (h.c.)	JA Groenewald – DSc (h.c.)
<b>1958</b>	CPB Brink – LLD (h.c.)	N van Uden – PhD (h.c.)	WH Neuser – DTh (h.c.)
	CF Visser – DEd (h.c.)	MG Corbett – LLD (h.c.)	M Ramos – PhD (h.c.)
<b>1959</b>	DB Bosman – DLitt (h.c.)	JS Rabie – DLitt (h.c.)	SJ Terreblanche – DCom (h.c.)
	SP le Roux – DScAgric (h.c.)	SS Brand – DCom (h.c.)	T Moss – PhD (h.c.)
	DF Malherbe – DLitt (h.c.)	JWL de Villiers – DSc (h.c.)	PV Cox – PhD (h.c.)
	GH v Rooyen – MA (h.c.)	GT Fagan – DArch (h.c.)	<b>2007</b> BJ (Bannie) Britz – DArch (h.c.)
<b>1960</b>	SPE Boshoff – DLitt (h.c.)	JH Hofmeyer – PhD (h.c.)	KPD Maphalla – PhD (h.c.)
<b>1961</b>	T Boydell – DPhil (h.c.)	E v Heerden – DLitt (h.c.)	D Ferreira – DSc (h.c.)
<b>1962</b>	ES Botes – DEd (h.c.)	JP Louw – DLitt (h.c.)	JC Loock – PhD (h.c.)
	PE Rousseau – DSc (h.c.)	H Olivier – DSc (h.c.)	LTC Harms – LLD (h.c.)
<b>1963</b>	EH Louw – LLD (h.c.)	JD Anderson – DMed (h.c.)	<b>2010</b> P Gordhan – PhD (h.c.)
	EN Roberts – DSc (h.c.)	RR Arndt – DSc (h.c.)	BBS Ngubane – PhD (h.c.)
	JGF (Kaalkop) vd Merwe – DCom (h.c.)	SJ Naudé – LLD (h.c.)	AH Strydom – PhD (h.c.)
	HF Verwoerd – DLitt et Phil (h.c.)	JJ Human – DPhil (h.c.)	M Jones – PhD (h.c.)
<b>1966</b>	PSZ Coetzee – DPhilTh (h.c.)	JA Myburgh – DMed (h.c.)	D Tutu – DTh (h.c.)
	PJ du Toit – DSc (h.c.)	JP vd Walt – DSc (h.c.)	P Fourie – DLitt (h.c.)
	MS Louw – DCom (h.c.)	WA Landman – DEd (h.c.)	OG Winfrey – DEd (h.c.)
<b>1967</b>	SM Naudé – DSc (h.c.)	WL Mouton – DPhil (h.c.)	RWM Frater – PhD (h.c.)
	LC Steyn – LLD (h.c.)	WDO Marasas – DSc (h.c.)	A Sawyer – DEd (h.c.)
	BJ Vorster – LLD (h.c.)	NE Wiehahn – LLD (h.c.)	<b>2012</b> RJ Goldstone – LLD (h.c.)
<b>1968</b>	SJ Naudé – DCom (h.c.)	AP Brink – DLitt (h.c.)	ER v Heerden – DLitt (h.c.)
<b>1969</b>	CW (Nellie) Swart – DPhil (h.c.)	B Hurwitz – DPhil (h.c.)	M Nussbaum – DLitt (h.c.)
	AJJ Wessels – DCom (h.c.)	FC Müller – DMed (h.c.)	OW Prozesky – MD (h.c.)
<b>1970</b>	GS Nienaber – DLitt (h.c.)	FM Claerhout – DPhil (h.c.)	FDJ Brand – LLD (h.c.)
	HO Mönnig – DSc (h.c.)	JJF Hefer – LLD (h.c.)	ZKG Mda – DLitt (h.c.)
<b>1971</b>	N Diederichs – DCom (h.c.)	S Nigam – DSc (h.c.)	<b>2014</b> ML Blum – PhD (h.c.)
	RS Verster – DPhil (h.c.)	WL Nkuhlu – DCom (h.c.)	L Mulvey – DLitt (h.c.)
<b>1972</b>	LW Hiemstra – DPhil (h.c.)	MA Ramphele – DPhil (h.c.)	<b>2015</b> L Brahimi – DPhil (h.c.)
	PJ Meyer – DPhil (h.c.)	HJO van Heerden – LLD (h.c.)	JM Samuel – DEd (h.c.)
<b>1975</b>	PJ Nienaber – DLitt (h.c.)	FJ van der Merwe – PhD (h.c.)	MA Oduyoye – DTh (h.c.)
	De la H de Villiers – DScAgric (h.c.)	MH Daling – DCom (h.c.)	<b>2016</b> JD Sacks – DEcon (h.c.)
	GJ Stander – DSc (h.c.)	TN Liversedge – PhD (h.c.)	RJ Khoza – DEcon (h.c.)
<b>1976</b>	AJA Roux – DSc (h.c.)	I Mahomed – LLD (h.c.)	TA Manuel – DEcon (h.c.)
<b>1978</b>	SP Botha – DSc (h.c.)	BP Gilbertson – DCom (h.c.)	M du Preez – PhD (h.c.)
	EM van Zinderen Bakker – DSc (h.c.)	NR Mandela – LLD (h.c.)	J Samoff – DPhil (h.c.)
	HB Thom – DEd (h.c.)	EC Taglauer – DSc (h.c.)	F Haffajee – PhD (h.c.)
<b>1979</b>	FCL Bosman – DPhil (h.c.)	BH Meyer – PhD (h.c.)	<b>2017</b> PH Holloway – DSc (h.c.)
	G Cronje – DSocSc (h.c.)	BAK Rider – LLD (h.c.)	M Botha – LLD (h.c.)
	CJF Human – DCom (h.c.)	CF Slabber – PhD (h.c.)	<b>2019</b> BL Fanaroff – DSc (h.c.)
<b>1980</b>	G Boonzaier – DPhil (h.c.)	JM Sterar – DEd (h.c.)	J Mofokeng wa Makhetha – DLitt (h.c.)
<b>1981</b>	PW Botha – DPhil (h.c.)	EWA de Corte – DEd (h.c.)	<b>2021</b> MB Molemela – LLD (h.c.)
	B Human – DCom (h.c.)	HA Serebro – DPhil (h.c.)	ZM Yacoob – LLD (h.c.)
	SG Shuttleworth – DSc (h.c.)	AG Sykes – DSc (h.c.)	SM Pitanya – DPhil (h.c.)
<b>1982</b>	BLS Franklin – DPhil (h.c.)	S Badat – DPhil (h.c.)	RJ van Niekerk – DLitt (h.c.)
	GvN Viljoen – DEd (h.c.)	R Bringle – DPhil (h.c.)	<b>2022</b> WK Byanyima – PhD (h.c.)
<b>1983</b>	L Luyt – DCom (h.c.)	J de Wet – DMus (h.c.)	DM Davis – LLD (h.c.)
	SF Zaaiman – DPhil (h.c.)	CF Fauconnier – DSc (h.c.)	DE Moseneke – LLD (h.c.)
<b>1984</b>	HS Steyn – DSc (h.c.)	GJ Gerwel – DPhil (h.c.)	AL Sachs – LLD (h.c.)
	FR Tomlinson – DScAgric (h.c.)	WD Jonker – DTh (h.c.)	MJ Wingfield – DSc (h.c.)
	JH vd Berg – DMed (h.c.)	A Krog – DLitt (h.c.)	<b>2023</b> M Musk – DDiet (h.c.)
<b>1985</b>	L Alberts – DSc (h.c.)	K Mokhele – DPhil (h.c.)	A Ekwamu – DSc (h.c.)
	GG Cillié – DPhil (h.c.)	CJC Nel (Posthumous) – PhD (h.c.)	D Pepler – DSc (h.c.)
	SPD le Roux – DLitt (h.c.)	L Quayle – DMus (h.c.)	PCJ Vale – PhD (h.c.)
	A Polson – DPhilMed (h.c.)	T (Karel) Schoeman – DLitt (h.c.)	Salim Abdool Karim – PhD (h.c.)
<b>1986</b>	J du P Scholtz – DPhil (h.c.)	YK Seedat – DMed (h.c.)	Thabo Cecil Makgoba – PhD (h.c.)
	S Grové – DMus (h.c.)	MK Seely – DSc (h.c.)	Murray Leibbrandt – PhD (h.c.)
	FP Retief – DMed (h.c.)	C Seerveld – DPhil (h.c.)	Bineta Diop – PhD (h.c.)
	JA Stegmann – DCom (h.c.)	F van Z Slabbert – DPhil (h.c.)	
<b>1987</b>	WA Joubert – LLD (h.c.)	JC Steyn – DLitt (h.c.)	

## Shields of Honour, Council and Chancellor's Medals

<b>1994</b>	Prof FO Müller (Shield of Honour)	Prof SA Petersen (Shield of Honour)
	RE Schoombie (Shield of Honour)	Ludo Helsen (Shield of Honour)
<b>1995</b>	Prof FO Müller (Chancellor's Medal)	Prof JU Grobbelaar (Council Medal)
	RE Schoombie (Chancellor's Medal)	Mrs AM Dippenaar (Chancellor's Medal)
<b>1996</b>	Prof S Mittman (Shield of Honour)	Dr H Verster (Chancellor's Medal)
<b>1997</b>	Prof M Jansens (Shield of Honour)	Mr JL Pretorius (Chancellor's Medal)
<b>1998</b>	Prof CJC Nel (Chancellor's Medal)	Mr AD Osler (Chancellor's Medal)
	Prof C Swanepoel (Chancellor's Medal)	Ms M van der Merwe (Chancellor's Medal)
<b>1999</b>	WJ (Hansie) Cronje (Shield of Honour)	Ms JS Isaacs (Chancellor's Medal)
	Prof David Justice (Shield of Honour)	Mr JF de Villiers (Chancellor's Medal)
<b>2000</b>	Prof P Rosseel (Shield of Honour)	Ms EM Oosthuizen (Council Medal)
	Prof MJ Viljoen (Chancellor's Medal)	Dr N Pearce (Chancellor's Medal)
<b>2001</b>	Prof PC Potgieter (Chancellor's Medal)	Mr N Janse van Rensburg (Council Medal)
<b>2002</b>	T Moss (Shield of Honour)	Prof MG Lötter (Chancellor's Medal)
	Prof CD Roode (Chancellor's Medal)	Prof SC Brown (Council Medal)
<b>2003</b>	Prof HC Janse van Rensburg (Council Medal)	

## MESSAGE FROM ACTING VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRINCIPAL UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE | PROF A RHODA

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 a lot during your journey to get here 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 120-year-old institution. 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.

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 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.

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 UFS places great emphasis on ensuring that students and staff 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, innovation and impact, accountability, care, social justice, and sustainability are embedded in all activities across the institution.

As you embark on your next adventure, carry with you the lessons learned and the courage to forge your own path. The world is full of challenges, but it is also full of opportunities.

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 amazing things you will do and accomplish.

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

Best wishes

PROF A RHODA

ACTING VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRINCIPAL | UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE

Welcome by die Universiteit van die Vrystaat (UV) se gradeplegtigheid.

Vandag is voorwaar 'n spesiale dag. Min geleenthede hou soveel betekenis in as 'n mens se gradeplegtigheid, sowel vir julle as vir diegene wat julle langs die pad ondersteun het. Baie van julle moes baie te bowe kom tydens julle reis om vandag hier te wees. Baie van julle is die eerste in julle gesinne wat hierdie belangrike mylpaaal bereik. Julle het hierdie oomblik verdien en julle kan baie trots wees op jul prestaties.

Graduandi, julle het die eer gehad om aan 'n 120-jaar-oue instelling te studeer. Erken en herken altyd die betekenis van julle prestaties waar julle nou beweeg van studente van die Universiteit van die Vrystaat (UV) na UV-gegradueerdes.

Waar julle die wêreld buite die Universiteit van die Vrystaat betree, onthou dat julle opvoeding 'n kragtige hulpmiddel is. Ek doen 'n beroep op julle om dit te gebruik om positiewe verandering teweeg te bring, om die status quo te bevraagteken en om julle doelwitte met vasberadenheid na te streef. Die toekoms mag dalk onseker lyk, maar dit is gevul met moontlikhede wat wag op julle unieke talente en bydraes.

Alhoewel die missie van ons universiteit nog altyd was om julle toe te rus met die kennis en vaardighede wat nodig is om 'n verskil in julle studieverlede te maak, is ons ook bedag daarop dat waardes net so belangrik is vir julle om 'n verskil in julle gemeenskappe te maak. Die UV lê groot klem daarop om te verseker dat studente en personeel 'n uitnemende universiteitservaring het. In ons strewe na uitnemendheid is ons trots daarop dat ons omgewing bevorderlik is vir intellekuele en persoonlike groei. As sodanig is ons waardes van uitnemendheid, innovasie en impak, aanspreeklikheid, omgee, sosiale geregtigheid en volhoubaarheid ingebied in alle aktiwiteite oor die instelling heen.



Waar julle nou die volgende avontuur aanpak, neem die lesse saam wat julle geleer het asook die moed om julle eie weg te baan. Die wêreld is vol uitdagings, maar dit is ook vol geleenthede.

Vier julle sukses, koester die herinneringe en omhels die geleenthede wat voorlê. Die wêreld is oop vir julle om te verken, en ons kan nie wag om al die wonderlike dinge te sien wat julle sal doen en bereik nie.

Baie geluk aan al ons Kovsie-graduandi. Mag julle volgehoue sukses in al julle ondernemings hê!

Beste wense

PROF A RHODA

WAARNEEMENDE VISEKANSELIER EN PRINSIPAAL | UNIVERSITEIT VAN DIE VRYSTAAT

R e a le amohela moketeng wa kabu ya dikgau wa University of the Free State (UFS).

Kajeno ke letsatsi le ikgethileng e le kannete. Di mmalwa ketsahalo tse bohlakwa hofeta letsatsi la dikapeso bophelong ba hao, bakeng sa hao le ba o tsheheditseng tsela ena kaofela. Bongata ba lona le ile la lokela ho feta maimeng leetong la lona ho fihla mona kajeno. Bongata ba lona le ba pele malokong a lona ho fihella ketsahalo ena ya bohlakwahadi. Le o sebeditse motsootso ona. Mme le lokela ho ba motlotlo ka katleho ya lona.

Ho lona ba phethileng dithuto tse hodimo kajeno, le na le tlota ya ho ithutela setheong se lemo di 120. Ananelang ke hona kamehla le ho amohela bohlakwa ba katleho tsa lona jwalokaha le fetola sebopoho ho tloha ho ba baithuti ba Yunivesithi ya Freistata ho beng ba phethileng dithuto tse hodimo UFS.

Ha le nka bohato ba ho fetela ka nqane ho Yunivesithi ya Freistata, hopolang hore thuto ya lona ke sesebediswa se matla. Ke le kgothalletsa hore le e sebedise ho tlisa phetoho e molemo, ho botsa boemo ba ditaba le ho tsitallela tjantjello tsa lona ka boitelo. Bokamoso bo ka shebahala bo sa tsitsa, empa bo tletse kgonahalo tse emetseng talente tsa lona tse ikgethileng le bonkakarolo ba lona.

Le ha sepho sa yunivesithi ya rona esale e le ho o hlahlella ka tsebo le bokgoni bo hlokehang ho etsa phapang lekaleng la hao, re boetse re nahanelo hore metheo e bohlakwa ho wena ho etsa phapang setjhabeng moo o dulang teng. UFS e hatella bohlakwa ba ho netefatsa hore baithuti le basebetsi ba natefelswa ke boteng ba bona yunivesithing. Tsitallelong ya rona ya bogkabane, re motlotlo ka ho ba sebaka se nwesetsang kgolo mothong le mahlaleng. Feela jwalo, metheo ya rona ya bogkabo, boiqapeloo le tshusumetsa, boikarabelo, tlhokomelo, toka ya botho le botsitso bo kenyelleditswe mesebetsing yohle ya rona jwalo ka setsa sa thuto.

Jwalokaha le nka leeto bohatong ba lona bo latelang, tshwarang ho lona dithuto tseo le ithutiletseng tsona hammoho le sebete sa ho hatela pele tseleng tsa lona. Lefatshe le tletse diphepetso, empa hape le tletse menyeta.

Ketekang katleho ya lona, baballang mehopolo ya tse fetileng mme le akareletsse tseo le yang le di tobile. Lefatshe ke la lona ho ka le etela, re lebeletsse ho bona tsohle tse makatsang tseo le ka di fihlellang.

Katleho le mahlonolo ho lona kaofela ba phethileng dithuto tse phahameng mona Kovsies. Eseka le ka ba le katleho e tswelletseng hohle moo le yang teng.

Ditakaletso tse ntle

PROF A RHODA

MOTLATSA MOKANSELIRI YA TSHWERENG MOKOBONO LE HLOOHO YA YUNIVESITHI YA FREISTATA

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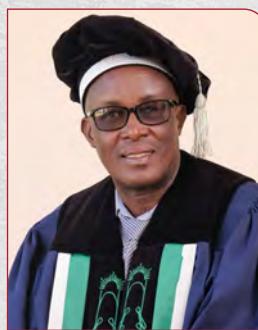
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MANAGEMENT SCIENCES



**Prof LC Jita**  
**PhD (MSU)**

DEAN:  
EDUCATION



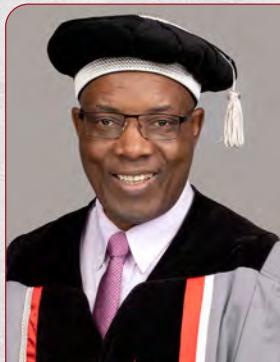
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**PhD in Philosophy (UFS)**

DEAN:  
THE HUMANITIES



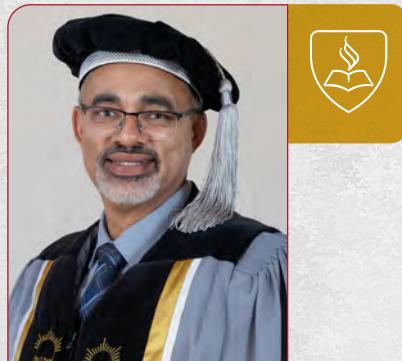
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**Prof P Oberholster**  
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**Prof JS Klaasen**  
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## GUEST SPEAKER

### LIEUTENANT COLONEL DR RIFA TSHIVHASE



Lieutenant Colonel Rifa Tshivhase is currently serving as the Head of the Department of Surgery at 3 Military Hospital in Bloemfontein and plays a pivotal role in ensuring the delivery of top-quality medical services to soldiers, veterans, and their dependents. Born the middle child to the Royal Tshivhase family in Limpopo, she completed her primary education at Phiphidi Primary School in northern Limpopo until Grade 4, before enrolling as a boarder at St Mary's Diocesan School for Girls (Pretoria) where she matriculated in 1990. She obtained her undergraduate medical degree from MEDUNSA in 1997, followed by her specialisation in general surgery at the UFS in 2015.

Dr Tshivhase began her military career in 2000, serving as a medical officer (Captain) at 7 Medical Battalion Group in Pretoria. She obtained qualifications in Aviation and Diving Medicine, including training as a military pilot, parachuting, and sea rescue to provide medical support to special forces regiments, parachute regiments, and the presidency.

In addition to the clinical and administrative responsibilities of her current position, Dr Tshivhase is deeply committed to the education and training of future medical professionals. She serves as an Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) course director and instructor, sharing her knowledge and expertise with interns and surgical registrars for more than a decade. Her dedication to education ensures that the next generation of health-care providers is well equipped to handle complex medical emergencies and provide exceptional patient care.

In her capacity as part of the Presidential support team, Dr Tshivhase assumed the responsibility of providing routine medical attention and accompanying the President during international engagements. This role afforded her the opportunity to travel extensively, having circumnavigated the globe on multiple occasions.

Beyond her professional obligations, Dr Tshivhase engages in various leisure activities such as reading, painting, and travelling. She also fulfils her familial responsibilities as a dedicated mother to three children and three canine companions.



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**Supervisor:** Prof MP Sekhoacha

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OF THE UFS IN-HAND  
MANIPULATION ASSESSMENT  
INSTRUMENT FOR THREE- AND  
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OF VISUAL IMPAIRMENT IN  
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PRESCRIBING PRACTICES

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NUTRITIONAL STATUS OF  
CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES  
IN THE KHOMAS REGION,  
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MODIFICATIONS IN  
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##### HOBENU, Kafui Abra

Kafui Abra Hobenu was born on 6 May 1980 in Hohoe, Volta Region, Ghana. She matriculated at Mawuli Senior High in 1996 and later attained a Diploma in General Nursing at the Ho Nurses Training College in 2002. She graduated with a BEd degree in Health Sciences from the University of Cape Coast, Ghana, in 2009 and a Master of Philosophy in Nursing at the University of Ghana in 2015. Her career as a nurse began in 2003, and she rose through the ranks to become an assistant lecturer at the University of Ghana School of Nursing and Midwifery.

With her thesis titled: **A FRAMEWORK TO ENHANCE CLINICAL LEARNING AND TEACHING IN UNDERGRADUATE NURSING EDUCATION FOR GHANA**, the candidate contributes to the scholarship on clinical education through the development of a contextually informed education framework. Underpinned by the theory of change logic model, the candidate employed a pragmatic multiple methods three-phased approach in developing this framework. In the initial phase, she described strategies used to enhance clinical learning and teaching in undergraduate health sciences through a scoping review. Subsequently, she examined the prevailing clinical education practices in nursing education institutions located in the four regions in Ghana, where she unearthed the intricate influence of the nursing programmes, educators, clinical practice, administration, national policies, politics, and culture in the quality of nursing education in Ghana. The findings of the preceding phases were distilled into a framework, which was validated by a high-level stakeholder panel in Ghana. Three articles have been published in prestigious nursing and health professions education journals.

**Supervisor:** Prof CN Nyoni

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### SCHOOL OF CLINICAL MEDICINE

#### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY WITH SPECIALISATION IN PHARMACOLOGY

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Innocensia Mangoato was born in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania on 30 June 1992. She matriculated at Northern Academy School in Polokwane in 2009. She obtained her BSc Genetics degree in 2014, BMEdSc Hons (Pharmacology) degree in 2015, MMedSc (Pharmacology) degree in 2018 and PhD in Pharmacology in 2024 at the University of the Free State. She started her career as a Research Scientist in the area of African Traditional Medicines in 2018. Her research received both national and international recognition within the field. She was the recipient of the Women in Science Master's Student in 2018. At present she is a Lecturer/Researcher in the Department of Pharmacology at the University of the Free State.



With her thesis titled: **INVESTIGATING THE ANTICANCER AND POSSIBLE RESISTANT REVERSAL EFFECTS OF CANNABIS SATIVA L. EXTRACTS IN CERVICAL CANCER CELL LINES AND MODULATION OF ABC TRANSPORTERS**, the candidate comprehensively explored the therapeutic potential of *Cannabis sativa L.* in overcoming drug resistance in cervical cancer using *in vitro* and network pharmacology approaches. The research looked at the chemical fingerprints and pharmacological targets of *C. sativa L.* extracts, showcasing its antiproliferative properties against normal non-cancerous cells, cervical cancer cells and the cisplatin-resistant cervical cancer cells. Through PCR analysis, distinct gene expression profiles were identified, revealing the potential effects of combination treatments to counteract cisplatin resistance by downregulating genes associated with drug transporters and crucial signalling pathways. This work provides valuable insights into innovative therapeutic strategies for improving cervical cancer treatment, highlighting new avenues for overcoming resistance and enhancing treatment efficacy through the possible use of plant extracts.

**Supervisor:** Prof MG Matsabisa

**Co-Supervisor:** Dr G Ulrich-Merzenich

#### SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATION SCIENCES

#### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN DIETETICS

**APPIAH**, Collins Afriyie

Collins Appiah was born in Ashanti region, Ghana, on 08 March 1985. He completed his secondary education at Fakunle Comprehensive High School in Nigeria. He then obtained a BSc in Biochemistry in 2007 and an MPhil in Dietetics in 2011 at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Ghana and the University of Ghana, respectively. In 2012, he joined the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital, Accra, as a dietitian and was promoted to senior dietitian in 2015. He was appointed at the KNUST in 2015, where he is currently a full-time lecturer. Collins is married to Bernice, and they have a daughter, Collina, and a son, Lawrence.

With his thesis titled: **THE EFFECT OF BRIDELIA TEA CONSUMPTION ON OXIDATIVE STATUS IN PEOPLE LIVING WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES**, the candidate makes a meaningful contribution to understanding the role of antioxidant nutrition in mitigating oxidative stress in individuals living with type 2 diabetes (ILWT2D). Antioxidant properties (including total phenols and flavonoids content) of Bridelia tea, produced from *Bridelia ferruginea*, a commonly available shrub in Ghana, were determined. The effect of the consumption of the tea on oxidative stress and antioxidant status in 70 ILWT2D in Ghana who consistently drank the tea in addition to standard treatment was compared to a control group of 92 participants on standard treatment only. Dietary intake, anthropometry, medical history, psychosocial stress, physical activity, glycaemic status and lipid profile were assessed. Improvements in antioxidant and lipid status were identified, suggesting the potential of this indigenous African tea as a sustainable antioxidant intervention against oxidative damage in ILWT2D, especially in low-resource settings like Ghana.

**Supervisor:** Prof CM Walsh

**Co-Supervisors:** Prof R Johnson, Dr J Ngounda and Prof FC Mills-Robertson



## SCHOOL OF PATHOLOGY

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY WITH SPECIALISATION IN MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY

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Masego Moncho was born in Taung on February 11, 1980. She matriculated at Galaletsang Science High School in 1997, obtained a BSc degree (Microbiology) in 2001, and an MBChB degree in 2007 from the University of the Free State. She attained a Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene from the University of Witwatersrand in 2013, an MMed in Medical Microbiology from the University of Pretoria, and an FcPath in Medical Microbiology in 2016. She started as a Microbiology Pathologist in 2017 and was appointed senior Pathologist in 2021. She is currently a senior Pathologist at the NHLS-Tshwane Academic Division Microbiology Department, affiliated with the University of Pretoria.

With her thesis titled: **IDENTIFICATION AND DETERMINATION OF VIRULENCE FACTORS OF INVASIVE *CANDIDA PARAPSILOSIS* SENSO LATO IN PAEDIATRIC PATIENTS AT UNIVERSITAS ACADEMIC HOSPITAL**, the candidate contributes to an in-depth knowledge regarding the virulence potential of this pathogen responsible for the increasing morbidity and mortality among the vulnerable paediatric population. *Candida parapsilosis* sensu stricto strains from blood cultures, submitted for routine microbiological investigations, were studied. In addition to the strains being closely related, all strains possessed virulence factors that promoted the increased pathogenicity of the strains in this population. Importantly, most of the strains were resistant to the azoles and to one of the disinfectants routinely used in clinical settings. The patients had risk factors associated candidemia, with unfavourable outcomes for some patients. Continuous surveillance, strict infection prevention control measures, including improved disinfection and use of non-azole antifungal drugs such as amphotericin B and echinocandins, are recommended.

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## VOW OF GRADUANDS IN MEDICINE

On receiving my degree in Medicine at the University of the Free State and my entrance to the medical profession, I commit myself to:

Dedicate myself to serve humanity;

Maintain the integrity and honourable traditions of my profession conscientiously and with dignity;

Strive for the meaningful preservation of human life from its beginning to its end;

Regard the promotion of the health of my patients as my primary duty;

Carefully protect all confidential information about my patients;

Conduct myself honourably towards colleagues at all times and

Promote the status of my university and to treat those who had taught me with respect and gratitude that they deserve.

## GELOFTE VAN DIE GRADUANDI IN GENEESKUNDE

By ontvangs van my graad in Geneeskunde aan die Universiteit van die Vrystaat en by toetrede tot die geneeskundige beroep, verbind ek my plegtig om:

My aan die diens van die mensdom te wy;

Die integriteit en edele tradisies van my beroep pliggetrou en met waardigheid te handhaaf;

Te streewe na die sinvolle behoud van menslike lewe van sy begin tot aan sy einde;

Die bevordering van die gesondheid van my pasiënte as my vernaamste plig te beskou;

Alle vertoulike inligting omtrent my pasiënte nougeset te bewaar;

My altyd op eerbare wyse teenoor kollegas te gedra en

Die aansien van my universiteit te bevorder en my leermeesters die respek en erkentlikheid wat hulle toekom, te bewys.

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Ha ke fumana lengolo la ka la Bongaka Yunivesithi ya Freistata mme ke kena pitsong ya Bongaka, ke ikana ka maikutlo ohle a ka:

Ho sebeletsa botho ka boitelo;

Ho boloka boleng le meetlo e hlomphehang ya mosebetsi wa ka, ka botshepehi le ka tlhompho;

Ho kgothalla ho boloka bophele ba motho ho tloha qalang ho fihlela qetellong ya bona;

Ho ananela ntlatfatsa ya bophelo ba bakudi ba ka e le mosebetsi wa ka wa mantlha;

Ho sireletsa ka hloko lesedi lohle la bakudi ba ka e le lekunutu;

Ho itlhompha pela basebetsimmoho ka dinako tsohle le;

Ho se dihe seriti sa Yunivesithi ya ka mme ke ise tlhompho le teboho e lokelang ho bohole ba nthutileng.



## VOW OF GRADUANDS IN HEALTH AND REHABILITATION SCIENCES

On receiving my degree at the University of the Free State and my entrance to the profession, I hereby solemnly declare that:

I shall dedicate myself to serve humanity;  
I shall maintain the integrity and honourable traditions of my profession conscientiously and with dignity;  
I shall consider the promotion of the health of patients as my primary duty;  
I shall carefully protect all confidential information regarding my patients;  
I shall always conduct myself honourable towards colleagues at all times and  
I shall continue to promote the status of my university and treat those who had taught me with respect and gratitude.

## GELOFTE VAN GRADUANDI IN GESONDHEID EN REHABILITASIE WETENSKAPPE

By ontvangs van my graad aan die Universiteit van die Vrystaat en my toetrede tot die beroep, verklaar ek hiermee plegtig:

Dat ek my aan die diens van die mensdom sal wy;  
Dat ek die integriteit en edele tradisies van my beroep pligsgetrou en met waardigheid sal handhaaf;  
Dat ek bevordering van die gesondheid van my pasiënte as my vernaamste plig sal ag;  
Dat ek die vertoulike inligting in verband met my pasiënte nougeset sal bewaar;  
Dat ek my altyd op eerbare wyse teenoor kollegas sal gedra en  
Dat ek die aansien van my universiteit steeds sal bevorder en diegene wat my onderrig het met eerbied en erkentlikheid sal bejeën.

## KANO YA BAITHUTI SEKOLO SA MAHLALE A TLHABOLLE LE BOPHELO BO BOTLE

Kamohelong ya lengolo la ka la tsa Bophelo Bo Botle yunivesithi ya Freistata, ke ikana ka maikutlo ohle a ka hore:

Ke tla sebeletsa botho ka boitelo;  
Ke tla boloka boleng le meetlo e hlomphehang ya mosebetsi wa ka, ka botshepehi le ka tlhompho;  
Ke tla ananela ntlafatso ya bophelo ba bakudi ba ke e le mosebetsi wa ka wa mantlha;  
Ke tla sireletsa ka hloko lesedi lohle la bakudi ba ka e le lekunutu;  
Ke tla ithompha pela basebetsimmoho ka dinako tsohle mme  
Ke tla nne ke tswele pele ho ntlafatsa seriti sa yunivesithi ya ka, ho hlompha le ho leboha bohole ba nthutileng.



## NURSES' PLEDGE OF SERVICE

I solemnly pledge myself to the service of humanity and will endeavour to practise my profession with conscience and with dignity.

I will maintain, by all the means in my power, the honour and noble tradition of my profession.

Die algehele gesondheid van my pasiënte sal my eerste prioriteit wees.

Ek sal alle persoonlike sake na my wete vertroulik hou.

Nke ke ka dumella ho ananela bodumedi, botjhaba, morabe kapa boemo setjhabeng ho kena dipakeng tsa mosebetsi wa ka le mokudi wa ka.

Ke tla boloka tlhompho e fetisisang bakeng sa bophelo ba motho.

I make these promises solemnly, freely and upon my honour.

A black graduation cap with a red tassel is positioned at the top left. A white rolled-up diploma with a red seal is at the top right.

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