



UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE
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GRADUATION CEREMONY

QWAQWA CAMPUS

SATURDAY | 11 APRIL | 14:00

Faculty of Education

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

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CONSTITUTION OF THE CONGREGATION

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.

By attending the graduation ceremony, you agree that the UFS may use photographs taken by the official photographer in which you appear for marketing purposes.

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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 luyingqophamlando. Iningi lenu lihlangabezana nezingqinamba ezinhlobonhlobo kulolu hambo olujule kangaka. Iningi lenu ningabokuqala ngqa emindenini yenu ukuthi nifinyelele 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 usunyukela esigabeni sokuba isifundiswa sakhona. Nginyanicele 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 ongekholakale 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, inhlaloni, nokulondoloza abonakala kuzo zonke izimiso nezinhlelo zesikhungo sethu.

Uma kungenzeka uye kwenye indawo yempilo okungesiyo iNyuvesi yase-Free State, ukhumbule ukuthi imfundo yakho iyisikhiye sekhethelo. 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 okuphonsa 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 amohele 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 kgothaleto ya rona ya boipabolo bo hlwahlwa, re motlotlo hore tikoloho ya rona e tshehetsa kgolo ya kelelo le mahlale esita le ntshetsopele ya botho. Ka tsela e jwalo, makgabane a rona a boipabolo bo hlwahlwa, boitshimolole, sekgahla, boikarabelo, tlhokomelo, toka ya setjhaba, le tshwarello, di kenyeditswe 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 kgolwehe, 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 ithutleng tsona le tshepo ya ho ipetlela tsela ho ya pele.

Ketekang katileho ya lona, thabelang mehopolu ya mahopotsane, mme le amohele menyetla e tlang. Lefatshe lena ke la lona hore le le sibolle, mme re ke ke ra emisa ho tadima ka tebello dinto tse makatsang tseo le tla di etsa le hona ho di fihlella.

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

Madume

MOPROFESA HESTER C. KLOPPER

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PROF LC JITA

DOCTORAL DEGREES

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY WITH SPECIALISATION IN EDUCATION MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

MAJONG, Nomase Sarah

Mrs Nomase Majong was born on 30 September 1989 in QwaQwa, Mangaung Village, Free State, South Africa. She completed her secondary education at Makabelane Secondary School, where she matriculated in 2006. In pursuit of her passion for education, Mrs Majong enrolled at the University of the Free State, where she obtained a Bachelor of Commerce in 2011, a Postgraduate Certificate in Education in 2012, an Honours degree in Management and Governance in 2021, and a Master's degree in Education Management and Leadership (in 2023). She is a full-time lecturer at Stadio HE and a part-time lecturer at the Tshwane University of Technology.

With her thesis titled: **EXPLORING SCHOOL MANAGEMENT TEAMS' LEADERSHIP PRACTICES OF ADDRESSING BULLYING AMONG LEARNERS IN SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS**, the candidate contributes to the field of Education Leadership. The qualitative study conducted with principals, departmental heads, School-Based Support Teams, and disciplinary committee members from three Free State schools, examined how School Management Teams (SMTs) respond to bullying. The findings suggest that the School Management Teams intentionally invited learners, teachers, and parents to collaborate in preventing bullying by revising policies, fostering a sense of belonging, and promoting shared responsibility. Guided by Invitational Leadership and Social Learning theories, the study argues that SMTs should adopt invitational and collaborative leadership practices that model positive behaviour and support learners in unlearning bullying tendencies, ultimately contributing to safer and more inclusive school environments.

Supervisors: Prof SD Makhasane

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY WITH SPECIALISATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION STUDIES

MOTAUNG, Hadio Rose

Hadio Rose Motaung was born in Phuthaditjhaba, QwaQwa on 6 June 1986. She matriculated at Brebner High School in 2004 and later obtained a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology and Management (2012), a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (2013), an Honours Degree in Leadership and Management (2016), and a Master of Arts in Higher Education Studies (2020). Starting her career at the University of the Free State as an Assistant Officer in 2014, she was appointed in the Faculty of Education as a Junior Lecturer in 2016, and at present is a Lecturer and Programme Coordinator.



With her thesis titled: **EXPLORING THE USE OF VISUAL DIARIES FOR REFLECTIVE PRACTICE DURING WORK-INTEGRATED LEARNING BY PRE-SERVICE TEACHERS IN SOUTH AFRICA**, she offers a unique contribution to the scholarship of reflective practice in teacher education. Using a qualitative approach, the study engaged 12 pre-service teachers across instructional phases, guided by a structured visual-diary template that encouraged participants to use images to reflect on their work-integrated learning experiences. Although participants initially lacked familiarity with visual diaries, preparatory workshops provided essential methodological grounding. Her findings show that visual prompts enhanced recall of incidents in and around the school, supported detailed retellings, and facilitated deeper critical reflection on teaching and learning, school environments, and the need for broader community engagement.

Supervisor: Prof M Mathebula

Co-supervisor: Dr L Mdodana-Zide

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY WITH SPECIALISATION IN PSYCHOLOGY OF EDUCATION

CHAKA, John Ngwanya

John Ngwanya Chaka, born on 10 May 1984 in Botshabelo, matriculated from Khauho Secondary School in 2001. He obtained his Bachelor's degree in Education in 2008 and an Honours degree in Educational Management in 2010, both from the Central University of Technology, Free State. He completed his Honours degree in Psychology of Education in 2013 and in 2017 obtained his Master's degree in Education from the University of the Free State. Chaka began his teaching career in 2008 and joined the University of the Free State as a lecturer in 2022.

With his thesis titled: **QUEERING CISNORMATIVITY: EXPLORING PARENTAL UNDERSTANDING OF GENDER DIVERSITY IN SOUTH AFRICAN HIGH SCHOOLS**, Chaka examines how parents' understandings of gender can challenge the assumption that all learners should identify with the gender assigned to them at birth. Grounded in Queer Theory and supported by Ubuntu philosophy, the study applied an ethic of humanness to interrogate fixed, binary notions of gender, guiding schools toward greater inclusion of both cisgender and transgender learners. The thesis, comprising five published articles and one additional publishable article, proposes strategies for promoting gender diversity in South African high schools. It further demonstrates how Ubuntu can intersect with Queer Theory to contest rigid gender binaries and encourage more inclusive educational environments.

Supervisor: Dr H Nichols

MASTER'S DEGREES

**MASTER OF EDUCATION
WITH SPECIALISATION IN
EDUCATION LAW**

NGWENYA, Lihle Tracia

Dissertation Title: EXPLORING
SCHOOL MANAGEMENT

TEAMS' ROLES IN PROMOTING
LEARNERS' RIGHT TO HUMAN
DIGNITY

Supervisor: Prof SD Makhasane

**MASTER OF EDUCATION
WITH SPECIALISATION IN
EDUCATION POLICY STUDIES**

MOFOKENG, Mpho Julia

Dissertation Title: TEACHERS'
PERSPECTIVES ON
IMPLEMENTING A SCHOOL-
BASED LEARNER DISCIPLINE
POLICY IN SELECTED SOUTH
AFRICAN SCHOOLS

Supervisor: Prof SD Makhasane



**MASTER OF EDUCATION WITH
SPECIALISATION IN SUBJECT
EDUCATION IN LANGUAGES**

KUBHEKA, Nandi Xolile

Dissertation Title: EXPLORING
TEACHERS' UNDERSTANDING
AND USE OF MULTILINGUAL
PEDAGOGICAL APPROACHES
IN THREE SCHOOLS IN
BOKSBURG CIRCUIT

Supervisor: Prof NI Ngubane

**MASTER OF EDUCATION WITH
SPECIALISATION IN SUBJECT
EDUCATION IN SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY**

NHLAPHO, Zanele Agnes

Dissertation Title: EXAMINING
INTEGRATED SCIENCE,
TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING
AND MATHEMATICS-BASED
TEACHERS' INSTRUCTIONAL
PRACTICES IN NATURAL
SCIENCES CLASSROOMS

Supervisor: Dr VU Okwara

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

**BACHELOR OF EDUCATION IN
SENIOR PHASE AND FURTHER
EDUCATION AND TRAINING
TEACHING**

BUTHELEZI, Ayanda

BUTHELEZI, Kwazi Kenneth

BUTHELEZI, Lindokuhle Nice

BUTHELEZI, Thanduxolo
Nkosenhle

BUTHELEZI, Thembinkosi

CELE, Lungisani Delane

CHAUKE, Mosebjadi Tshegofatso
Claudia

DAYIMANI, Abongile

DHLAMINI, Itumeleng

DHLAMINI, Nkosinathi

DHLOMO, Siyabonga Kwanele

DLADLA, Mbekezeli Phumlani

DLADLA, Philani Lungisani

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DLAMINI, Nokubonga

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DLOMO, Phindile Vicky

DLOMO, Samukelo Sicheluxolo

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DYASOPHU, Mandiluve

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FLANI, Lungelo Prospirit

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GAMBU, Lungelo Sipiwe

GAMEDE, Mpho

GCWENSA, Calvin

GOQO, Mfanafuthi Samson

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HADEBE, Lusanda Nceba

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HADEBE, Mthobisi

HADEBE, Phindile

HADEBE, Sbondingkosi

HLAPI, Dimakatso Patricia

HLATSHWAYO, Siphamandla
Ziqhu

HLONGWANE, Anele Thandiswa

HLONGWANE, Mphilisi

HLONGWANE, Muziwenhlanhla
Goodenough

HLONGWANE, Thobani Patrick

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JELE, Thandeka

JIANE, Ntombizodwa

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KGOPIISO, Lerato Rachel

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KHANUKA, Sphelele Siyanda

KHANYILE, Sanelisiwe

KHESWA, Siyanda Thamsanqa

KHOELE, Lerato Lungile
Retshepile

KHOZA, Nompilo Luyanda

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MABASO, Lethuba Xoliswa	MASHWAMA, Bonginkosi	MCHUNU, Fezeka
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MABASO, Siyabonga Godfrey	MATHEBULA, Ayibongwe Ishmael	MDLALOSE, Siboniso Freedom
MABUNDA, Rivoningo Degracious	MATHEBULA, Sandiswa Siyethemba Nomaswazi	MDLAMZA, Lukhanyo
MADAZA, Unako Noma-Efese	MATOSELA, Naledi	MDLULI, Mkhanyiselwa Buhlalu
MADISE, Kwanele Andiswa	MATYOBENI, Sphiwe	MENYUKA, Mkhanyiseleni Lungelo
MADLALA, Mxolisi	MAVIMBELA, Aphiwe	METSING, Keletso
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1950	GLP Moerdyk – DLitt (h.c.)		J du P Scholtz – DPhil (h.c.)
1951	NC Havenga – LLD (h.c.)	1986	S Grové – DMus (h.c.)
1952	Thos Blok – DEd (h.c.)		FP Retief – DMed (h.c.)
	SHS Rubidge – DSc (h.c.)		JA Stegmann – DCom (h.c.)
1955	CR Swart – LLD (h.c.)	1987	WA Joubert – LLD (h.c.)
	CA v Niekerk – LLD (h.c.)		B Kok – DPhil (h.c.)
1958	CPB Brink – LLD (h.c.)		WP Venter – DCom (h.c.)
	CF Visser – DEd (h.c.)	1988	JJN Cloete – DAdmin (h.c.)
1959	DB Bosman – DLitt (h.c.)		FC Fensham – DLitt (h.c.)
	SP le Roux – DScAgric (h.c.)		JW vd Riet – DPhil (h.c.)
	DF Malherbe – DLitt (h.c.)	1989	BJ Meyer – DSc (h.c.)
	GH v Rooyen – MA (h.c.)		N van Uden – PhD (h.c.)
1960	SPE Boshoff – DLitt (h.c.)	1990	MG Corbett – LLD (h.c.)
1961	T Boydell – DPhil (h.c.)		JS Rabie – DLitt (h.c.)
1962	ES Botes – DEd (h.c.)	1991	SS Brand – DCom (h.c.)
	PE Rousseau – DSc (h.c.)		JWL de Villiers – DSc (h.c.)
1963	EH Louw – LLD (h.c.)		GT Fagan – DArch (h.c.)
	EN Roberts – DSc (h.c.)		JH Hofmeyer – PhD (h.c.)
	JGF (Kaalkop) vd Merwe – DCom (h.c.)		E v Heerden – DLitt (h.c.)
	HF Verwoerd – DLitt et Phil (h.c.)	1992	JP Louw – DLitt (h.c.)
1966	PSZ Coetsee – DPhilTh (h.c.)		H Olivier – DSc (h.c.)
	PJ du Toit – DSc (h.c.)	1993	JD Anderson – DMed (h.c.)
	MS Louw – DCom (h.c.)		RR Arndt – DSc (h.c.)
1967	SM Naudé – DSc (h.c.)		SJ Naudé – LLD (h.c.)
	LC Steyn – LLD (h.c.)	1994	JJ Human – DPhil (h.c.)
	BJ Vorster – LLD (h.c.)		JA Myburgh – DMed (h.c.)
1968	SJ Naudé – DCom (h.c.)		JP vd Walt – DSc (h.c.)
1969	CW (Nellie) Swart – DPhil (h.c.)	1995	WA Landman – DEd (h.c.)
	AJJ Wessels – DCom (h.c.)		WL Mouton – DPhil (h.c.)
1970	GS Nienaber – DLitt (h.c.)	1996	WDO Marasas – DSc (h.c.)
	HO Mönnig – DSc (h.c.)		NE Wiehahn – LLD (h.c.)
1971	N Diederichs – DCom (h.c.)	1997	AP Brink – DLitt (h.c.)
	RS Verster – DPhil (h.c.)		B Hurwitz – DPhil (h.c.)
1972	LW Hiemstra – DPhil (h.c.)	1998	FC Müller – DMed (h.c.)
	PJ Meyer – DPhil (h.c.)	1999	FM Claerhout – DPhil (h.c.)
1975	PJ Nienaber – DLitt (h.c.)		JJF Hefer – LLD (h.c.)
	De la H de Villiers – DScAgric (h.c.)		S Nigam – DSc (h.c.)
	GJ Stander – DSc (h.c.)		WL Nkuhlu – DCom (h.c.)
1976	AJA Roux – DSc (h.c.)		MA Ramphele – DPhil (h.c.)
1978	SP Botha – DSc (h.c.)		HJO van Heerden – LLD (h.c.)
	EM van Zinderen Bakker – DSc (h.c.)		FJ van der Merwe – PhD (h.c.)
	HB Thom – DEd (h.c.)	2000	MH Daling – DCom (h.c.)
1979	FCL Bosman – DPhil (h.c.)		TN Liversedge – PhD (h.c.)
	G Cronjé – DSocSc (h.c.)		I Mahomed – LLD (h.c.)
	CJF Human – DCom (h.c.)	2001	BP Gilbertson – DCom (h.c.)
1980	G Boonzaier – DPhil (h.c.)		NR Mandela – LLD (h.c.)
1981	PW Botha – DPhil (h.c.)		EC Taglauer – DSc (h.c.)
	B Human – DCom (h.c.)	2002	BH Meyer – PhD (h.c.)
	SG Shuttleworth – DSc (h.c.)		BAK Rider – LLD (h.c.)
1982	BLS Franklin – DPhil (h.c.)		CF Slabber – PhD (h.c.)
	GvN Viljoen – DEd (h.c.)		JM Stetar – DEd (h.c.)
1983	L Luyt – DCom (h.c.)	2003	EWA de Corte – DEd (h.c.)
	SF Zaaiman – DPhil (h.c.)		HA Serebro – DPhil (h.c.)
1984	HS Steyn – DSc (h.c.)		AG Sykes – DSc (h.c.)
	FR Tomlinson – DScAgric (h.c.)	2004	S Badat – DPhil (h.c.)
	JH vd Berg – DMed (h.c.)		R Bringle – DPhil (h.c.)
1985	L Alberts – DSc (h.c.)		J de Wet – DMus (h.c.)
	GG Cillié – DPhil (h.c.)		CF Fauconnier – DSc (h.c.)
	SPD le Roux – DLitt (h.c.)		GJ Gerwel – DPhil (h.c.)
	A Polson – DPhilMed (h.c.)		WD Jonker – DTh (h.c.)

	A Krog – DLitt (h.c.)		2013	ZKG Mda – DLitt (h.c.)
	K Mokhele – DPhil (h.c.)		2014	ML Blum – PhD (h.c.)
	CJC Nel (Posthumous) – PhD (h.c.)			L Mulvey – DLitt (h.c.)
	L Quayle – DMus (h.c.)		2015	L Brahimi – DPhil (h.c.)
	T (Karel) Schoeman – DLitt (h.c.)			JM Samuel – DEd (h.c.)
	YK Seedat – DMed (h.c.)			MA Oduyoye – DTh (h.c.)
	MK Seely – DSc (h.c.)			JD Sachs – DEcon (h.c.)
	C Seerveld – DPhil (h.c.)		2016	RJ Khoza – DEcon (h.c.)
	F van Z Slabbert – DPhil (h.c.)			TA Manuel – DEcon (h.c.)
	JC Steyn – DLitt (h.c.)			M du Preez – PhD (h.c.)
	PA Verhoef – DTh (h.c.)			J Samoff – DPhil (h.c.)
	L van den Heever – LLD (h.c.)		2017	F Haffajee – PhD (h.c.)
	HA Wessels – LLD (h.c.)			PH Holloway – DSc (h.c.)
2005	A du P Heyns – DMed (h.c.)		2019	M Botha – LLD (h.c.)
	JJF Durand – DPhil (h.c.)			BL Fanaroff – DSc (h.c.)
	JA Groenewald – DSc (h.c.)			J Mofokeng wa Makhetha – DLitt (h.c.)
	WH Neuser – DTh (h.c.)		2021	MB Molemela – LLD (h.c.)
	M Ramos – PhD (h.c.)			ZM Yacoob – LLD (h.c.)
	SJ Terreblanche – DCom (h.c.)			SM Pityana – DPhil (h.c.)
2006	T Moss – PhD (h.c.)		2022	RJ van Niekerk – DLitt (h.c.)
	PV Cox – PhD (h.c.)			WK Byanyima – PhD (h.c.)
2007	BJ (Bannie) Britz – DArch (h.c.)			DM Davis – LLD (h.c.)
	KPD Maphalla – PhD (h.c.)			DE Moseneke – LLD (h.c.)
2008	D Ferreira – DSc (h.c.)			AL Sachs – LLD (h.c.)
2009	JC Looock – PhD (h.c.)		2023	MJ Wingfield – DSc (h.c.)
	LTC Harms – LLD (h.c.)			M Musk – DDiet (h.c.)
2010	P Gordhan – PhD (h.c.)			A Ekwamu – DSc (h.c.)
	BBS Ngubane – PhD (h.c.)			D Pepler – DSc (h.c.)
	AH Strydom – PhD (h.c.)			PCJ Vale – PhD (h.c.)
	M Jones – PhD (h.c.)		2024	Salim Abdool Karim – PhD (h.c.)
2011	D Tutu – DTh (h.c.)			Thabo Cecil Makgoba – PhD (h.c.)
	P Fourie – DLitt (h.c.)			Murray Leibbrandt – PhD (h.c.)
	OG Winfrey – DEd (h.c.)			Bineta Diop – PhD (h.c.)
	RWM Frater – PhD (h.c.)		2025	RMM Zondo – LLD (h.c.)
	A Sawyer – DEd (h.c.)			T Falola – LLD (h.c.)
2012	RJ Goldstone – LLD (h.c.)		2026	J Siwani – PhD (h.c.)
	ER v Heerden – DLitt (h.c.)			I G Gouws – DLitt (h.c.)
	M Nussbaum – DLitt (h.c.)			Z Wanner – DLitt (h.c.)
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1994	Prof FO Müller (Shield of Honour)	2008	Ludo Helsen (Shield of Honour)
	RE Schoombie (Shield of Honour)	2009	Prof JU Grobbelaar (Council Medal)
1995	Prof FO Müller (Chancellor's Medal)	2010	Mrs AM Dippenaar (Chancellor's Medal)
	RE Schoombie (Chancellor's Medal)	2014	Dr H Verster (Chancellor's Medal)
1996	Prof S Mittman (Shield of Honour)	2014	Mr JL Pretorius (Chancellor's Medal)
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1998	Prof CJC Nel (Chancellor's Medal)		Ms M van der Merwe (Chancellor's Medal)
	Prof C Swanepoel (Chancellor's Medal)	2017	Ms JS Isaacs (Chancellor's Medal)
1999	WJ (Hansie) Cronje (Shield of Honour)	2019	Mr JF de Villiers (Chancellor's Medal)
	Prof David Justice (Shield of Honour)		Ms EM Oosthuizen (Council Medal)
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2003	Prof HC Janse van Rensburg (Council Medal)		
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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.



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