

Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Diplomas, bachelor's degrees, honours degrees, master's degrees and doctoral degrees





19 APRIL 2024 | 13:30 BLOEMFONTEIN CAMPUS

OFFICIAL WELCOME

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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.

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NATIONAL ANTHEM OF SOUTH AFRICA

Maluphakanyisw' uphondo lwayo, Yizwa imithandazo yethu, Nkosi sikelela, thina lusapho lwayo. Morena boloka setihaba 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
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- Please put your cellphone on silent so as not to disturb the proceedings
- We strive to conduct the ceremonies in a dignified manner
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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.

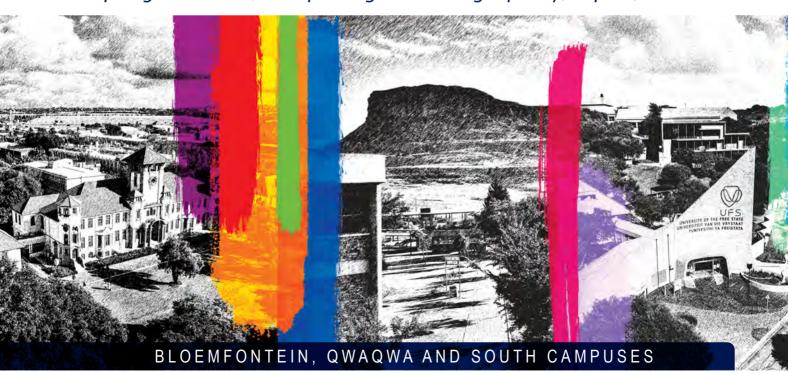
UFS research efforts are driven by dedicated scholars, some of whom are international leaders in their fields, with industry and social impact and real-world application.

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

1950	GLP Moerdyk – DLitt (h.c.)	1987	WA Joubert – LLD (h.c.)		F van Z Slabbert - DPhil (h.c.)
1951	NC Havenga – LLD (h.c.)	1001	B Kok – DPhil (h.c.)		JC Steyn – DLitt (h.c.)
1952	Thos Blok – DEd (h.c.)		WP Venter – DCom (h.c.)		PA Verhoef – DTh (h.c.)
	SHS Rubidge – DSc (h.c.)	1988	JJN Cloete – DAdmin (h.c.)		L van den Heever – LLD (h.c.)
1955	CR Swart – LLD (h.c.)		FC Fensham – DLitt (h.c.)		HA Wessels – LLD (h.c.)
	CA v Niekerk – LLD (h.c.)		JW vd Riet –DPhil (h.c.)	2005	A du P Heyns – DMed (h.c.)
1958	CPB Brink – LLD (h.c.)	1989	BJ Meyer – DSc (h.c.)		JJF Durand – DPhil (h.c.)
	CF Visser – DEd (h.c.)		N van Uden – PhD (h.c.)		JA Groenewald – DSc (h.c.)
1959		1990	MG Corbett – LLD (h.c.)		WH Neuser – DTh (h.c.)
1939	DB Bosman – DLitt (h.c.)	1990			
	SP le Roux – DScAgric (h.c.)	4004	JS Rabie – DLitt (h.c.)		M Ramos – PhD (h.c.)
	DF Malherbe – DLitt (h.c.)	1991	SS Brand – DCom (h.c.)		SJ Terreblanche – DCom (h.c.)
	GH v Rooyen – MA (h.c.)		JWL de Villiers – DSc (h.c.)	2006	T Moss – PhD (h.c.)
1960	SPE Boshoff – DLitt (h.c.)		GT Fagan – DArch (h.c.)		PV Cox – PhD (h.c.)
1961	T Boydell – DPhil (h.c.)		JH Hofmeyer – PhD (h.c.)	2007	BJ (Bannie) Britz – DArch (h.c.)
1962	ES Botes – DEd (h.c.)		E v Heerden – DLitt (h.c.)		KPD Maphalla – PhD (h.c.)
	PE Rousseau – DSc (h.c.)	1992	JP Louw – DLitt (h.c.)	2008	D Ferreira – DSc (h.c.)
1963	EH Louw – LLD (h.c.)	1002	H Olivier – DSc (h.c.)	2009	JC Loock – PhD (h.c.)
1903		1993		2003	
	EN Roberts – DSc (h.c.)	1993	JD Anderson - DMed (h.c.)	2040	LTC Harms – LLD (h.c.)
	JGF (Kaalkop) vd Merwe – DCom (h.c.)		RR Arndt – DSc (h.c.)	2010	P Gordhan – PhD (h.c.)
	HF Verwoerd – DLitt et Phil (h.c.)		SJ Naudé – LLD (h.c.)		BBS Ngubane – PhD (h.c.)
1966	PSZ Coetzee – DPhilTh (h.c.)	1994	JJ Human – DPhil (h.c.)		AH Strydom – PhD (h.c.)
	PJ du Toit – DSc (h.c.)		JA Myburgh – DMed (h.c.)		M Jones – PhD (h.c.)
	MS Louw – DCom (h.c.)		JP vd Walt – DSc (h.c.)	2011	D Tutu – DTh (h.c.)
1967	SM Naudé – DSc (h.c.)	1995	WA Landman – DÈd (h.c.)		P Fourie – DLitt (h.c.)
	LC Steyn – LLD (h.c.)	1000	WL Mouton – DPhil (h.c.)		OG Winfrey – DEd (h.c.)
	BJ Vorster – LLD (h.c.)	1996	WDO Marasas – DSc (h.c.)		RWM Frater – PhD (h.c.)
1968	SJ Naudé – DCom (h.c.)	1330	NE Wiehahn – LLD (h.c.)		A Sawyer – DEd (h.c.)
		4007		2042	
1969	CW (Nellie) Swart – DPhil (h.c.)	1997	AP Brink – DLitt (h.c.)	2012	RJ Goldstone – LLD (h.c.)
4070	AJJ Wessels – DCom (h.c.)	4000	B Hurwitz – DPhil (h.c.)		ER v Heerden – DLitt (h.c.)
1970	GS Nienaber – DLitt (h.c.)	1998	FC Müller – DMed (h.c.)		M Nussbaum – DLitt (h.c.)
	HO Mönnig – DSc (h.c.)	1999	FM Claerhout – DPhil (h.c.)		OW Prozesky – MD (h.c.)
1971	N Diederichs – DCom (h.c.)		JJF Hefer – LLD (h.c.)		FDJ Brand – LLD (h.c.)
	RS Verster – DPhil (h.c.)		S Nigam – DSc (h.c.)	2013	ZKG Mda – DLitt (h.c.)
1972	LW Hiemstra – DPhil (h.c.)		WL Nkuhlu – DCom (h.c.)	2014	ML Blum – PhD (h.c.)
	PJ Meyer – DPhil (h.c.)		MA Ramphele – DPhil (h.c.)		L Mulvey – DLitt (h.c.)
1975	PJ Nienaber – DLitt (h.c.)		HJO van Heerden – LLD (h.c.)	2015	L Brahimi – DPhil (h.c.)
	De la H de Villiers – DScAgric (h.c.)		FJ van der Merwe – PhD (h.c.)		JM Samuel – DEd (h.c.)
	GJ Stander – DSc (h.c.)	2000	MH Daling – DCom (h.c.)		MA Oduyoye – DTh (h.c.)
1976	AJA Roux – DSc (h.c.)	2000	TN Liversedge – PhD (h.c.)		JD Sacks – DEcon (h.c.)
				2016	
1978	SP Botha – DSc (h.c.)	2004	I Mahomed – LLD (h.c.)	2010	RJ Khoza – DEcon (h.c.)
	EM van Zinderen Bakker – DSc (h.c.)	2001	BP Gilbertson – DCom (h.c.)		TA Manuel – DEcon (h.c.)
	HB Thom – DEd (h.c.)		NR Mandela – LLD (h.c.)		M du Preez – PhD (h.c.)
1979	FCL Bosman – DPhil (h.c.)		EC Taglauer – DSc (h.c.)		J Samoff – DPhil (h.c.)
	G Cronjé – DSocSc (h.c.)	2002	BH Meyer – PhD (h.c.)		F Haffajee – PhD (h.c.)
	CJF Human – DCom (h.c.)		BAK Rider – LLD (h.c.)	2017	PH Holloway - DSc (h.c.)
1980	G Boonzaier – DPhil (h.c.)		CF Slabber – PhD (h.ć.)		M Botha – LLD (h.c.)
1981	PW Botha – DPhil (h.c.)		JM Stetar – DEd (h.c.)	2019	BL Fanaroff – DSc (h.c.)
	B Human – DCom (h.c.)	2003	EWA de Corte – DEd (h.c.)		J Mofokeng wa Makhetha – DLitt (h.c.)
	SG Shuttleworth - DSc (h.c.)		HA Serebro – DPhil (h.c.)		MB Molemela – LLD (h.c.)
1982	BLS Franklin – DPhil (h.c.)		AG Sykes – DSc (h.c.)	2021	ZM Yacoob – LLD (h.c.)
1302	GvN Viljoen – DEd (h.c.)	2004	S Badat – DPhil (h.c.)	2021	SM Pityana – DPhil (h.c.)
1983		2004			RJ van Niekerk – DLitt (h.c.)
1903	L Luyt – DCom (h.c.)		R Bringle – DPhil (h.c.)	2022	
4004	SF Zaaiman – DPhil (h.c.)		J de Wet – DMus (h.c.)	2022	WK Byanyima – PhD (h.c.)
1984	HS Steyn – DSc (h.c.)		CF Fauconnier – DSc (h.c.)		DM Davis – LLD (h.c.)
	FR Tomlinson – DScAgric (h.c.)		GJ Gerwel – DPhil (h.c.)		DE Moseneke – LLD (h.c.)
	JH vd Berg – DMed (h.c.)		WD Jonker – DTh (h.c.)		AL Sachs – LLD (h.c.)
1985	L Alberts – DSc (h.c.)		A Krog – DLitt (h.c.)		MJ Wingfield – DSc (h.c.)
	GG Cillié – DPhil (h.ć.)		K Mokhele – DPhil (h.c.)	2023	M Musk – DDiet (h.c.)
	SPD le Roux – DLitt (h.c.)		CJC Nel (Posthumous) - PhD (h.c.)	2020	` ,
	A Polson – DPhilMed (h.c.)		L Quayle – DMus (h.c.)		A Ekwamu – DSc (h.c.)
	J du P Scholtz – DPhil (h.c.)		T (Karel) Schoeman – DLitt (h.c.)		D Pepler – DSc (h.c.)
1986	S Grové – DMus (h.c.)		YK Seedat – DMed (h.c.)		PCJ Vale - PhD (h.c.)
1300			MK Seely – DSc (h.c.)	2024	Salim Abdool Karim – PhD (h.c.)
	FP Retief – DMed (h.c.)			2024	Thabo Cecil Makgoba – PhD (h.c.)
	JA Stegmann – DCom (h.c.)		C Seerveld – DPhil (h.c.)		Thabo Geon Maryoba - FIID (II.C.)

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1994	Prof FO Müller (Shield of Honour) RE Schoombie (Shield of Honour)	2008	Prof SA Petersen (Shield of Honour) Ludo Helsen (Shield of Honour)
1995	Prof FO Müller (Chancellor's Medal)	2009	Prof JU Grobbelaar (Council Medal)
	RE Schoombie (Chancellor's Medal)	2010	Mrs AM Dippenaar (Chancellor's Medal)
1996	Prof S Mittman (Shield of Honour)	2014	Dr H Verster (Chancellor's Medal)
1997	Prof M Jansens (Shield of Honour)	2014	Mr JL Pretorius (Chancellor's Medal)
1998	Prof CJC Nel (Chancellor's Medal)	2016	Mr AD Osler (Chancellor's Medal)
	Prof C Swanepoel (Chancellor's Medal)	20.0	Ms M van der Merwe (Chancellor's Medal)
1999	WJ (Hansie) Cronje (Shield of Honour)	2017	Ms JS Isaacs (Chancellor's Medal)
	Prof David Justice (Shield of Honour)	2019	Mr JF de Villiers (Chancellor's Medal)
2000	Prof P Rosseel (Shield of Honour)	2010	Ms EM Oosthuizen (Council Medal)
	Prof MJ Viljoen (Chancellor's Medal)	2022	Dr N Pearce (Chancellor's Medal)
2001	Prof PC Potgieter (Chancellor's Medal)	2022	,
2002	T Moss (Shield of Honour)		Mr N Janse van Rensburg (Council Medal)
	Prof CD Roode (Chancellor's Medal)	2023	Prof MG Lötter (Chancellor's Medal)
2003	Prof HC Janse van Rensburg (Council Medal)		Prof SC Brown (Council Medal)



MESSAGE FROM VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRINCIPAL | PROF FW PETERSEN

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

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

Graduands, you have had the honour of studying at a 120-year-old institution that has a track record on par with well-regarded national peers, as reflected in the 2024 Times Higher Education World University and Impact Rankings. Sufficient evidence indicates that higher education has the potential to function as an agent of change and a means of serving the greater good. 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 as important for you to make a difference in your communities.

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 for intellect and knowledge to flourish. As such, our values of excellence, innovation and impact, accountability, care, social justice, and sustainability are embedded in all activities across the institution.

Graduands, irrespective of what you undertake in the future, remember to pursue your passion, and continuously have the desire to make a difference in the lives of others. Surround yourself with real people in real communities, while inculcating kindness, empathy, passion, and awareness of the real issues. If you want to tackle the unfinished goals of this country and create a better world – build bridges, remain morally astute, and grow your coalitions. Life can be challenging when you are on your own – however, great results can be achieved when you work as a collective

It is up to you to align yourself with those who have a common cause, heal the divisions that keep us separated, and carry along those who have been left out and are struggling.

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

Best wishes

PROF FW PETERSEN

VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRINCIPAL | UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE

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

Vandag is voorwaar 'n spesiale dag. Min gebeurtenisse en geleenthede het soveel betekenis as 'n mens se gradeplegtigheid. Hierdie dag is net so belangrik vir diegene wat julle langs die pad ondersteun het. Baie van julle moes talle uitdagings te bowe kom tydens julle reis om vandag hier te wees. Baie van julle is die eerste in julle gesinne om hierdie mylpaal te bereik. Julle het hierdie oomblik verdien en julle kan baie trots wees daarop.

Erken en herken altyd die belangrikheid van jou prestasie waar jy van 'n student van die Universiteit van die Vrystaat (UV) beweeg na 'n UV-gegradueerde.

Gegradueerdes, julle het die eer gehad om aan 'n 120-jaar-oue instelling te studeer wat 'n prestasierekord het wat gelykstaande is aan welbekende nasionale eweknieë, soos weerspieël in die 2024 Times Higher Education World University en Impact-ranglys. Talle bewyse dui daarop dat hoër onderwys die potensiaal het om te dien. Alhoewel die missie van ons universiteit nog altyd was om julle toe te rus met kennis en vaardighede wat nodig is om 'n verskil in julle studieveld te maak, is ons ook bedag daarop dat waardes vir julle net so belangrik is om 'n verskil in julle gemeenskappe te maak.

Die UV plaas groot klem daarop om te verseker dat studente en personeel 'n voortreflike universiteitservaring het. In ons strewe na uitnemendheid is ons trots dat ons omgewing bevorderlik is vir intellek en kennis om te floreer. As sodanig is ons waardes van uitnemendheid, innovasie en impak, aanspreeklikheid, omgee, sosiale geregtigheid en volhoubaarheid ingebed in alle aktiwiteite oor die instelling heen.

Gegradueerdes, ongeag wat julle in die toekoms aanpak, onthou om julle passie na te streef en behou die begeerte om vootdurend 'n verskil in ander se lewens te maak. Omring julself met regte mense in regte gemeenskappe, terwyl julle welwillendheid, empatie, passie en bewustheid van werklike kwessies inskerp. As



julle die onvoltooide doelwitte van hierdie land wil aanpak en 'n beter wêreld wil skep – bou brûe, bly moreel skerpsinnig, en laat julle koalisies groei. Die lewe kan uitdagend wees as 'n mens op jou eie is – goeie resultate kan egter behaal word as julle as 'n groep saamwerk.

Dit is julle verantwoordelikheid om julself in ooreenstemming te bring met diegene wat 'n gemeenskaplike saak het, die verdeeldheid te genees wat ons verdeeld hou, en om diegene wat uitgelaat is en sukkel, met julle saam te neem.

Baie geluk aan al ons Kovsie-graduandi. Mag julle voortgesette sukses in al julle ondernemings behaal!

Beste wense

PROF FW PETERSEN

VISEKANSELIER EN PRINSIPAAL | UNIVERSITEIT VAN DIE VRYSTAAT

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

Letsatsi lena ke le kgethehileng ka nnete. Ke diketsahalo tse mmalwa haholo tse bohlokwa jwalo ka ho abelwa kgau ya yunivesithi. Letsatsi lena le bohlokwa hape le ho batho ba ileng ba le tshehetsa leetong la lona. Ba bangata ba lona le ile la hlola maima a mangata leetong la lona ho fihla mona kajeno. Ba bangata ba lona ke lona ba pele malapeng a lona ho fihlella sehlohlolo sena sa katleho. Le fihlile motsotsong ona mme re motlotlo ka lona haholo.

Ka dinako tsohle amohelang le ho lemoha bohlokwa ba dintlha tseo le di fihleletseng ha jwale le tloha boemong ba ho ba moithuti mona University of the Free State (UFS) ho fetela boemong ba ho ba graduate ya UFS.

Baithuti ba seng ba tla abelwa dikgau tsa yunivesithi e nang le dilemo tse 120, le bile le tlotla ya ho ithuta setheong sa thuto se nang le nalane e ntle e kgemang le bomphato ba yona ba hlomphehang naheng, jwalo ka ha ho boletswe ho 2024 Times Higher Education World University and Impact Rankings. Ho na le bopaki bo hlwellanang hodimo bo bontshang hore thuto e phahameng e na le monyetla wa ho sebetsa jwalo ka kofuto e hlahisang phetoho le mokgwa o hlahisang melemo e meholo ka ho fetisisa. Le hoja Mishini- thomo ya yunivesithi ya rona ka dinako tsohle e bile ho le hlomella ka tsebo le bokgoni bo hlokahalang ho etsa phetoho dithutong, re boela re lemoha hore dintho tsa boleng di bohlokwa ho etsa phapang metseng ya lona.

UFS e kgothaletsa haholo ho etsa bonnete ba hore baithuti le moifo ba na le boiphihlelo bo hlaheletseng ka mahetla ba yunivesithi. Maikemisetsong a rona a ho hahamalla diphihlello tse ipabolang, re motlotlo hore tikoloho ya rona ke e loketseng bakeng sa ho fana ka bohlale le tsebo ho atleha. Ka lebaka lena, makgabane a rona bakeng sa diphihlello tse ipabolang, mehopolo e metjha le tshusumetso e ntle, boikarabelo, tlhokomelo, le toka e se nang leeme setjhabeng, le ho tswella ke dintho tse bopeletsweng mesebetsing yohle ya setheo sena sa thuto.

Baithuti ba seng ba tla abelwa dikgau tsa yunivesithi, ho sa natswe hore na le tla etsa eng nakong e tlang, hopolang ho phehella ditabatabelo tsa lona ka tjheseho, mme le tswele pele ho ba le takatso ya ho etsa phapang bophelong ba batho ba bang. Etsang hore le dikadiketswe ke batho ba sebele metseng ya sebele, ha le ntse le ruta le ho jala mosa, kutlwelobohloko, tjantjello, le temoho ya ditaba tsa sebele. Haeba le batla ho sebetsana le dipakane tse sa qetwang le ho theha lefatshe le betere – hahang marogo, dulang le le bohlale, le ho theha maqhama a lona a ditshebedisano. Bophelo e ka ba bo phephetsang haeba o sebetsa o le mong – le ha ho le jwalo, diphetho tse babatsehang di ka fihlellwa ka tshebedisano le ho ba ngatana-nngwe.

Dintho di mahetleng a lona ho iphaphatha le batho ba nang le dipheo tse tshwanang, ho kwala dikgeo tse re arohanyang, le ho jara batho ba ileng ba siuwa morao le ba nang le mathata a ba sitisang.

Re thoholetsa baithuti ba Kovsies kaofela ba rona ba seng ba tla abelwa dikgau tsa bona tsa yunivesithi. E se ka le ka ba le katleho e tswelang pele mekutung ya rona kaofela!

Ditakaletso tse ntle

MOPROFESARA FW PETERSEN

MOLAETSA: MOTLATSA MOKANSELIRI LE HLOOHO YA UNIVESITHI



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Sifundo Thami Masuku PRESIDENT GENERAL: INSTITUTIONAL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL



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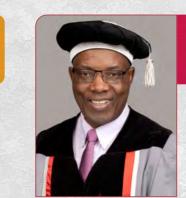
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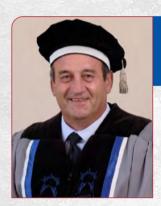
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Prof JS Klaasen DTH (US)

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GUEST SPEAKER

MR LOUIS VON ZEUNER



ouis von Zeuner was born in Cape Town and matriculated at DF Malan High School in Bellville. Subsequently, he graduated with a Bachelor of Economics from Stellenbosch University, whereafter he started his professional life as a teller at Volkskas Bank in Goodwood in the Cape. This appointment led to an esteemed career spanning 32 years in the banking and financial services industry, until his retirement in 2012, at which time he held the role of Deputy Group Chief Executive of the Absa Group.

During his time at Absa, Von Zeuner was responsible for, inter alia, the retail banking operations, and had oversight of some of the group's African operations and insurance businesses. He was actively involved in various industry activities and served on the board of the Banking Association South Africa. He was also involved in the strategic combination of Barclays' African operations with the Absa Group transaction. In addition, he served on the board of Woolworths Financial Services.

After his retirement, Von Zeuner has continued to be actively involved with various large South African businesses, primarily serving on numerous boards and board committees as a non-executive director. He currently serves on the boards of First Rand Limited, Sappi Limited, and Telkom Limited, as well

as on the boards of some agricultural companies. He was also appointed to the Council of the University of the Free State in July 2020.

Von Zeuner is passionate about South Africa and serves on many boards and business councils, with the primary objective of making a meaningful contribution to restoring economic growth in South Africa.





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John Paul Basewe Kosiba, born on February 12, 1988, is a Ghanaian from Navrongo. He holds a BSc in Marketing from the University of Professional Studies and an MPhil in Marketing from the University of Ghana. Transitioning from roles like Marketing Officer at Teledata ICT, he moved to academia as a Graduate and Teaching Assistant at the University of Ghana Business School. Now a Senior Lecturer in Marketing at the University of Professional Studies, Kosiba mentors aspiring professionals. He holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Marketing from CIM, contributing to his membership in the Chartered Institute of Marketing Ghana.

With his thesis titled: **TEAM BRAND EQUITY AMONGST GHANAIAN FOOTBALL FANS**, the candidate makes a valuable contribution to the knowledge of team brand equity in sports management and specifically football in Ghana. By using social identity theory, customer-company identification theory, and attachment theory, the study evaluated predictors of sports team brand equity amongst Ghanaian football fans. The study extends on prior research by integrating emotional attachment as a predictor of brand equity to challenge the traditional view that emotions follow cognition. Both cognitive and emotional factors are therefore argued to independently influence fan behaviour. Practically, the thesis highlighted the need for clubs and leagues to adapt to changing fan behaviours, embrace globalisation, and create experiences that foster fan identification and attachment. Strategies such as fan events, exclusive interactions, and community engagement were found to enhance emotional attachment, suggesting that tailored communication efforts resonate with fans on an emotional level that strengthens the brand-fan relationship.

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Born on February 16, 1991, in the Eastern Cape, South Africa, Reabetswe Parkies matriculated at Louw Wepener High School in 2008. She then pursued a Bachelor of Commerce in Marketing, followed by the attainment of her Bachelor of Commerce Honours in Business Management in 2013. In 2018, Reabetswe subsequently obtained her Master's in Development Studies at the University of the Free State. Driven by her enthusiasm for innovation and entrepreneurship, she is eager to actively contribute to addressing the challenges of youth unemployment within South Africa.

With her thesis titled: STUDENT SELF-EMPLOYMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA: A TRIPLE-HELIX-MODEL, ENTREPRENEURIAL COMPETENCE AND SOCIAL SUPPORT PERSPECTIVE, the candidate developed a multi-tiered student self-employment ecosystem model. She assessed the moderated mediation effect of social support on the relationship between university initiatives and student self-employment through entrepreneurial competence, industry support and government support in South Africa. She applied a positivist research paradigm through the use of a quantitative descriptive research methodology and collected data through a questionnaire from a convenience sample of 375 self-employed South African university students. In her data analysis she used SmartPLS4 to analyse data through structural equation modelling, mediation, and moderation analyses. The study concluded that entrepreneurial competence, industry support and government fully mediate





the relationship between university initiatives and student self-employment. This study holds major implications for theory and practice leading to the development of the student self-employment ecosystem model.

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Margaret Ann Kusambiza-Kiingi was born Kampala on 17 September 1959. She received her secondary education at Trinity College Nabbingo and obtained a Bachelor of Science (Economics, Geography) degree (with honours) in 1982 at Makerere University Kampala. She enrolled at the University of the Free State, obtaining a master's degree in development studies, with distinction in 2002. She started her career in the Banking sector in 1982 and later joined the NGO sector in South Africa. She is currently a Curriculum Practitioner at the Regenesys Business School in Sandton, Johannesburg.

With her thesis titled: INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO MINE CLOSURE IN THE WEST RAND, the candidate contributes to the scholarship on the social aspects of mine closure. She uses new institutional economics to provide a theoretical framework against which to understand mine closure. New institutional economics emphasise the importance of institutions or 'the rules of the game' to govern economic behaviour. Using new institutional economics, she assesses how ecological and environmental management rules change at mine closure and affects communities in the West Rand. She finds that mine closure reinforces weak mine closure rules, informal rules dominate and powerplay is common. She outlines the socioeconomic implications of mine closure and convincingly argues for planning to consider economic and demographic decline. A central recommendation is that policy should also focus on the social aspects of mine closure. A book chapter has appeared in an internationally published book.

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MACHIWENYIKA, Moffat Remekedzai

Moffat R. Machiwenyika, born in Zimbabwe in 1987, matriculated from Mutare Boys High School in 2006. In 2012, he earned a BA in History and Development Studies from Midlands State University. He gained valuable experience working with NGOs in Zimbabwe, focusing on humanitarian and development projects, fuelling his dedication to social justice and marginalised communities. He later moved to South Africa and completed an Honours degree in Development Studies in 2016 and a Master's in Migration and Displacement in 2018 at the University of the Witwatersrand. He is a Development consultant.

With his thesis titled: STUDENT AND STAFF PERCEPTIONS OF DECOLONISATION AT TWO SOUTH AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES: A CAPABILITIES ANALYSIS, the candidate contributes to scholarship on decolonisation, South African Higher Education and Human Development. Using a qualitative sample of 44 participants, the study delves into the comparative analysis of decolonisation between a historically advantaged and a historically disadvantaged university. Utilising Amartya Sen's Capability Approach (CA) as an analytical tool, the research highlights the compatibility of the CA and decolonisation in foregrounding principles of social justice. By unpacking the concept of decolonisation through student and staff perceptions, the study offers a nuanced understanding of this critical notion. The thesis shows how the CA provides a unique perspective for rethinking decolonisation of higher education with contextual relevance, by drawing attention to questions surrounding what decolonisation can do to promote human flourishing among students and staff.

Supervisor: Prof M Mathebula

Co-Supervisor: Dr C Martinez-Vargas and Prof M Walker





MMBADI, Elelwani

Elelwani Mmbadi was born in Nzhelele on 28 March 1992. He received his secondary education in Vhutuwangadzebu where he matriculated at Dzata Secondary School in 2011. He obtained the degree of Bachelor of Environmental Sciences in 2015, Bachelor of Environmental Sciences Hons in 2016, and the degree Master of Environmental Sciences in 2019. He started his career as an Intern in Bloemfontein in 2019. In 2023, he was appointed to the Department of Student Counselling and Development and at present, he is an assistant officer at the UFS.

With his thesis titled: THE CONTRIBUTION OF INFORMAL SETTLEMENT UPGRADING TO THE ECONOMIC INCLUSION OF THE POOR, the candidate contributes to scholarship that links housing and asset-based development. The international literature often labels asset-based development as neoliberal and application in housing and informal settlements is often one-dimensional on land tenure. The candidate provides for a more nuanced understanding of asset-based development. His findings from a longitudinal research design on the upgrading of Freedom Square emphasise the limitations of asset-based development and he recommends an integrated approach. Covid-19 has had negative implications for asset generation. He emphasises that social, economic and physical factors contribute to asset building and that policymakers should not only concentrate on the economic factors. Overall, the evidence points to substantial asset generation, asset transfers between generations and the value of assets in creating ontological security. A book chapter has appeared in an internationally published book.

Supervisor: Prof JGL Marais

Co-Supervisors: Prof M Napier and Dr J Visagie

MUSHONGA, Mavis

Mavis Mushonga, born on December 7, 1956, in Chikomba District, Mashonaland, Zimbabwe, completed her secondary education at St. Anne's Secondary School in 1974. She obtained a certificate in Education from Mutare Teacher's College in 1977. Mushonga earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of South Africa in 1994 and a Master of Development Studies from the University of the Free State in 2016. Commencing her career as a teacher in 1978, she progressed to the position of Principal Lecturer at Morgan Zintec College, Zimbabwe, showcasing a dedicated journey of academic and professional growth spanning several decades.

With er thesis titled: **CHILD GUIDES OF VISUALLY IMPAIRED PARENT BEGGARS IN ZIMBABWE**, the candidate addresses the overlooked issue of child guides who accompany visually impaired parent beggars, shedding light on their invisible struggles and deprived childhood experiences. Through qualitative research involving visually impaired parents, child guides, and social workers, Mavis examines their perspectives on street begging and caregiving roles, emphasizing the impact on children's well-being. Advocating for a Capabilities Approach and Ubuntu-inspired Social Inclusion model, the study advocates for collaborative support to empower child guides, ensuring access to education, health, and recreation rights, thereby mitigating the need for street begging, and fostering holistic human development.

Supervisor: Dr T Manomano

MUTSIKIWA, Eziwe

Eziwe hails from the Midlands Province of Zimbabwe. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Counselling and a Master's in Development Studies from the Women's University in Africa in 2007 and 2011, respectively. In 2019, she furthered her education with a Post-Graduate Diploma in Social Work. Her professional journey commenced as a Program Coordinator from 2007 to 2015. Subsequently, she transitioned to UN WOMEN, overseeing women's empowerment projects from 2015 to 2017. In 2017, Eziwe assumed the role of Monitoring and Evaluation Technical Advisor for donor-funded social protection programs under UNICEF's appointment.



With her thesis titled: WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMMES IN REDUCING INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE IN ZIMBABWE, the candidate investigates the impact of such initiatives on Intimate Partner Violence (IPV). Utilizing empowerment and feminist theories, she analyses Women Economic Empowerment (WEE) programmes in Zimbabwe, interviewing 90 participants, 30 implementing organisations, and 20 oversight bodies. Through mixed methods, her research provides insights into the complex relationship between WEE and IPV reduction, leading to a model for strengthening WEE programs. This nuanced approach offers valuable understanding and potential improvements in addressing IPV, contributing significantly to scholarship and practical interventions in Zimbabwe's context.

Supervisor: Dr Tatenda Manomano

PHIRI, Chimwemwe

Chimwemwe Phiri was born on January 25, 1990, in Mzimba district, Northern Malawi. After completing secondary school at ASTEPI Private Secondary School in 2008, he pursued his undergraduate studies in Nutrition at the University of Malawi, Bunda College of Agriculture. He later earned a master's degree in Development Studies with distinction from the University of the Free State. Chimwemwe's career started with part-time lecturing at Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources-NRC campus. He then transitioned to CADECOM/Caritas Malawi National office, progressing from a Program Officer to the role of National Director.

With his thesis titled: UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION IN MALAWI - A HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PERSPECTIVE, the candidate contributes to scholarship on higher education and human development specifically on how university community partnerships can foster sustainable community well-being. Using a qualitative approach, Chimwemwe sampled 46 university and non-university participants, to explore how universities contribute to improving vulnerable communities' adaptation to climate change through university-community partnerships. The findings offer contrasting and critical views, suggesting that while partnerships can enhance sustainable community well-being, they seldom achieve this. This is because partnerships can stimulate innovative ideas for adaptation strategies and capacitate university and community members to broaden income generating opportunities and widen skill set for addressing climate change, but they do not offer adequate space for bottom-up initiatives or allow for inclusive decision-making. Often, these partnerships tend to advance university interests at the expense of creating more equitable outcomes for local communities.

Supervisor: Prof M Mathebula

Co-Supervisor: Dr B Kibona and Prof M Walker

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MUTIZE, Takudzwa

Takudzwa Mutize was born in Harare in Zimbabwe on the 23rd of November 1990. He obtained a Bachelor of Economics degree at Rhodes University in 2013 and would go on to complete both his Honours and Masters degrees in Economics at Rhodes University in 2014 and 2016 respectively. He began his career as a research intern for United Nations Development Programme in Zimbabwe in 2016 and has continued with consulting research for organisations such as UNESCO.

With his thesis titled: A SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF SKILLED LABOUR MIGRATION BETWEEN CITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA, the candidate contributes to scholarship on urban economics and labour migration, focusing on the role and impact of intercity migration on socio-economic outcomes in South Africa. The study largely makes use of quantitative methods to describe and assess patterns of skilled labour migration into and between cities drawing on nationally representative cross-sectional and longitudinal household surveys. The study highlights the significance of intercity migration as a mechanism





for improving socio-economic mobility. Interestingly, the economic benefits from intercity migration were not conditional on moving to larger metropolitan municipalities or limited by the education of the individual. The thesis concludes with an analysis of South African metropolitan Integrated Development Plans, which reveals a need for greater attention in policy and practice on attracting and retaining high-skilled migrants.

Supervisor: Dr JP Visagie and Prof IN Turok

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