



GRADUATION CEREMONY

BLOEMFONTEIN CAMPUS

THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2023
13:30



VISION **130**
*Renew and Reimagine
towards 2034*

Faculty of Law

Advanced diplomas, and postgraduate diplomas



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



PROGRAMME

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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>.

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

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 40 000 students in its seven faculties (Economic and Management Sciences, Education, Health Sciences, the Humanities, Law, Natural and Agricultural Sciences, Theology and Religion), with an increasing number of international students and associates, and an ever-widening scope of active involvement in and contribution to its surrounding communities.

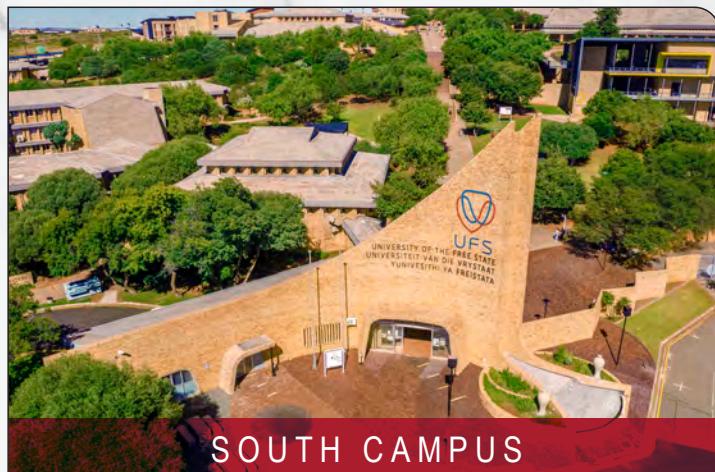
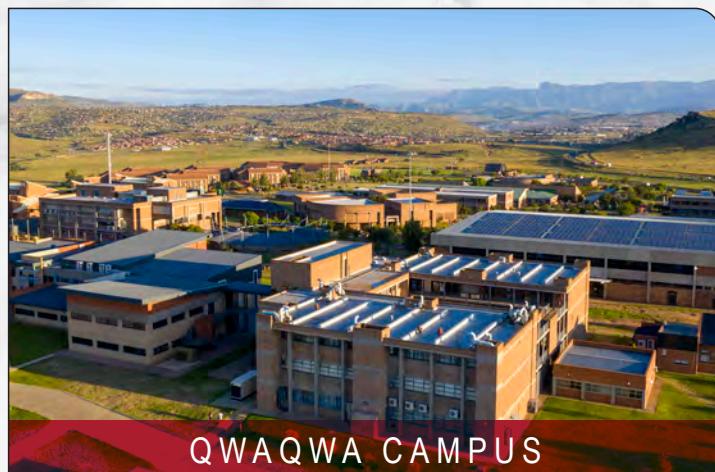
For the past 119 years, the UFS has been delivering quality graduates who have made their mark in various sectors. What sets the institution apart is its holistic student support initiatives, enabling it to achieve some of the highest success rates in the country. Delivering students who are in high 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.

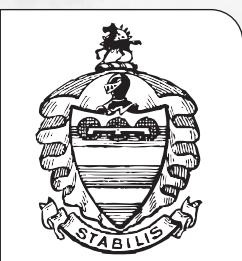
Through the principle of engaged scholarship, the UFS responds to societal needs by using its scholarly and professional expertise with an intentional public purpose and benefit.

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.

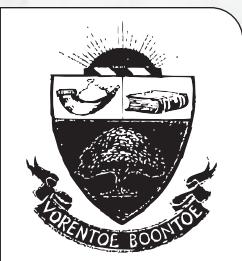


DEVELOPMENT OF THE UFS CREST OVER MORE THAN A CENTURY



1904

Up to 1935, the same coat of arms was used as the Grey College School.



1935

By 1935, with the name change to University College of the Orange Free State, the coat of arms fell into disuse, especially among students.



1947

In 1947, an agreement between management and students led to the new motto *Per Fidem ad Sapientiam* (Through faith to wisdom).



1950

In 1952, it was changed to *In Deo Sapientiae Lux* (In God is the light of wisdom). The traditional orange, white and blue, linking the UFS to the South African national colours, changed in the late 1990s.

The orange was replaced by cherry red.



2011

The academic brand - the historic University of the Free State crest that has been the symbol of the university since 1952, has evolved to embrace the aesthetic expectations of the stakeholders.

The shape of the traditional academic shield has been simplified and contemporised. Much of the symbolism of the crest remains intact, acknowledging the location of the UFS brand as one of the country's premier institutions of higher education, with a proud history of academic excellence and an ever-evolving, vibrant culture.



GRADUATION CEREMONY 2023

Honorary Awards | Honorary Doctorates

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

Shields of Honour, Council and Chancellor's Medals

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

MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR AND VICE-CHANCELLOR | PROF FW PETERSEN

Welcome 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 an institution that commands a track record that is on par with well-regarded national peers, as reflected in the 2023 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 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 if you are on your own – however, great results can be achieved if 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 graduands. May you have continued success in all your endeavours!

Welcome by die Universiteit van die Vrystaat 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-gegradeerde.

Gegradeerde, julle het die eer gehad om aan 'n instelling te studeer wat 'n prestasierkond het wat gelykstaande is aan welbekende nasionale eweknieë, soos weerspieël in die 2023 Times Higher Education World University and 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 ingebied in alle aktiwiteite oor die instelling heen.

Gegradeerde, ongeag wat julle in die toekoms aanpak, onthou om julle passie na te streef en behou die begeerte om voortdurend 'n verskil in ander se lewens te maak. Omring jyself 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 skerpssinnig, en laat julle koalisies groei. Die



Iewe 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 jyself 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 graduandi. Mag julle voortgesette sukses in al julle ondernemings behaal!

Re 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 tshehetsha 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 fihella sehlohlolo sena sa katileho. Le fihile motsotsong ona mme re motlotlo ka lona haholo.

Ka dinako tsohle amoheling le ho lemoha bohlokwa ba dintla 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, le bile le tlota ya ho ithuta setheong sa thuto se nang le nalane e ntla e kgemang le bomphato ba yona ba hlomphehang naheng, jwalo ka ha ho boletswe ho 2023 Times Higher Education World University and Impact Rankings. Ho na le bopaki bo hlwellanang hodimo ba bontshang hore thuto e phahameng e na le monyetla wa ho sebetsa jwalo ka kofuto e hlasisang phetoho le mokgwao e hlasisang melema e meholo ka ho fetisia. Le hoja mishini ya yunivesithi ya rona ka dinako tsohle e bile ho le hlomella ka tsebo le bogoni bo hlakahlang ho etsa phetoho dithutong, re boela re lemoha hore dintlo tsa boleng di bohlokwa ho etsa phapang metseng ya lona.

UFS e kgothaletsa haholo ho etsa bonneta ba hore baithuti le moifo ba na le boiphilelo bo hlahaletseng ka mahetla ba yunivesithi. Maikemetsong a rona a ho hahamalla diphihlelo tse ipabolang, re motlotlo hore tikoloko ya rona ke e loketseng bakeng sa fana ka bohlale le tsebo ho atleha. Ka lebaka lena, makgabane a rona bakeng sa diphihlelo tse ipabolang, mehopolo e metjha le tshusumetsa e ntla, boikarabelo, tlhokomelo, le toka e se nang leeme setjhabeng, le ho tswella ke dintlo tse bopeletseng 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 tjhehesho, mme le tswele pele ho ba le takatso ya ho etsa phapang bophelong ba batho ba bang. Etsang hore le dikadiketswe ke batho ba sebete metseng ya sebete, ha le ntse le ruta le ho jala mosa, kutwelobohloko, tjantjello, le temoho ya ditaba tsa sebete. 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 maghamha 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 fihellwa 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 mora le ba nang le mathata a ba sitisang.

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

VISION 130

*Renew and Reimagine
towards 2034*

The University of the Free State (UFS) aims to continue growing and extending its influence and impact locally, regionally, and globally. Vision 130 is an elaboration of our strategic intent to reposition the institution for 2034, when the university will commemorate its 130th anniversary. It reflects our ambition to be a university with a consistent outward focus, and to be profound in what we deliver – building on past achievements, while constantly transforming ourselves in order to stay relevant within the dynamic and ever-changing international higher education sphere.

VISION

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.

MISSION

The university's ultimate goal is to impart and generate new knowledge that impactfully supports societal development.

VALUES

The UFS subscribes to a set of values, explicated below, which shape and inform our culture and provide a framework for our actions and decisions.

Our values are realised through the conduct of the wider university community:

excellence, innovation and impact, accountability, care, social justice, and sustainability.

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STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS,
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PhD (UN)



**PRESIDENT OF
CONVOCATION**
Dr PD du Toit
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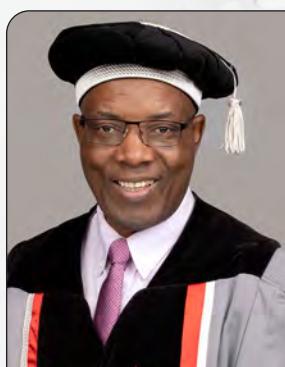
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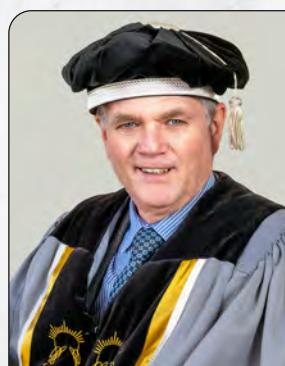
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He served as judge of the High Court of Cape Town (since 1998) and Judge President of the Competition Appeal Court (since February 2000). He is an honorary professor at the Universities of Cape Town, the Western Cape, and Wits. He is an extraordinary professor in the University of the Free State Centre for Human Rights; in 2022, he received an honorary degree, Doctor of Law from this university.

He is also Chair of the Davis Tax Committee and was one of the drafters of the Competition Act 1998 and the Companies Act 2008. He has authored 11 books and held visiting professorial posts at the universities of Toronto, Melbourne, Georgetown, and the Harvard, Florida Brown, and New York Universities. Judge Davis is currently Chairperson of the Companies Tribunal.



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The Main Procession Graduation Gowns - embroidered with rich diversity

South Africa, and the Free State in particular, has a long-standing friendship with our neighbouring country, Lesotho.

Through a shared history, we have become co-creators of our futures. For this reason, the UFS decided to incorporate our tradition with that of the Basotho in the design of our Main Procession graduation gowns.

The gowns are inspired by the Seanamarena – the traditional Basotho blanket. The different patterns on the Seanamarena indicate the status one holds in the Basotho nation or reflect the occasion being celebrated. Keeping the Seanamarena pattern in mind, we combined our traditional academic designs with that of the Basotho nation.

YOKE PATTERNS

Yoke pattern for the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor



This Seanamarena pattern is an interpretation of a design used exclusively for the king and chiefs – which means ‘to swear by the king’. This blanket has the highest status of all Basotho blankets.

Yoke pattern for the Chairperson of the Council



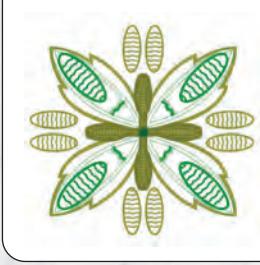
This Seanamarena Victorian crest motif appeared after the visit of the Prince of Wales to Lesotho in 1925, which made a profound impression on the local people. Customers refer to this blanket as ‘lesiba’ – meaning feathers – when buying it.

Yoke pattern for the Vice-Rector



This Seanamarena Poone design symbolises good crops, wealth, and fertility. The Poone is given as a present to honour an important visitor.

Yoke pattern for Registrar



The same Seanamarena Poone design used for the Vice-Rector applies to the Registrar, with some slight design and colour alterations.

The Deans wear gowns made in the colours of the faculties, or others which indicate the office they hold.

A close-up photograph of a black graduation cap with a red tassel on the left, and a white and red rolled-up diploma or certificate on the right, set against a dark background.

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