



SEFAKO MAKGATHO
HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY

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SEFAKO MAKGATHO HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES FORMAL MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE LATE CHANCELLOR, TITO TITUS MBOWENI

GA-RANKUWA, PRETORIA – Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University (SMU) will hold a formal memorial service in honour of its late Chancellor, **Tito Titus Mboweni**, on **19 March 2025** from **17:00 to 20:00** at the **SMU Sports Complex** (1 Molotlegi Street, Garankuwa).

Mboweni, who passed away on 12 October 2024, left an indelible mark on the university through his visionary leadership and unwavering commitment to excellence in higher education. Since his passing, SMU has observed a period of respect and gratitude, paying tribute in various forms across its campuses. This upcoming memorial service will serve as the university's official and comprehensive tribute, allowing family members, friends, colleagues, students, alumni, and the wider community to gather in remembrance of his extraordinary life.

A keynote address will be delivered by **Dr Matthews Phosa**, who will share reflections on Mboweni's enduring legacy and impact on South Africa's higher education, political landscape, treasury, and governance. All members of the SMU community, media, stakeholders, and the public are welcome to attend.

SMU's Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor Tandi Matsha-Erasmus, underscores the importance of this event:

"Mboweni's leadership not only elevated the university's academic standing but also deeply inspired students, alumni, and staff to strive for societal impact. This memorial service is a carefully planned occasion to pay him the respect he so greatly deserved."

About Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University

Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University is committed to advancing health and scientific knowledge through outstanding teaching, research, and community engagement. The institution's commitment to service and collaboration continues to be guided by the legacy of leaders like Mboweni, whose vision for excellence lives on.

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