

INTERNAL COMMUNIQUÉ

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PASSING OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRINCIPAL, PROFESSOR TANDI MATSHA ERASMUS



Dear SMU Community,

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Professor Tandi Matsha-Erasmus.

Professor Matsha-Erasmus was more than the leader of our institution. She was a visionary academic, a committed servant of higher education, and a passionate advocate for transformation, excellence, and the advancement of health sciences education in South Africa and beyond.

Since assuming leadership of Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University (SMU), she has dedicated herself to strengthening the university's academic project, advancing research and innovation, and positioning SMU as a leading institution committed to social justice, equity, and community impact. Her leadership was characterised by courage, integrity, compassion, and an unwavering belief in the potential of every member of the university community.

The Vice-Chancellor's passing is an immense loss to the university, the higher education sector, and the many students, colleagues, partners, and communities whose lives were touched by her leadership, wisdom, and service.

As the SMU community mourns this loss, it will also celebrate a life of exceptional achievement, dedicated service, and enduring impact. The university extends its deepest condolences to Professor Matsha-Erasmus's family, loved ones, friends, colleagues, and all who had the privilege of knowing and working alongside her during her distinguished career.

Further details regarding memorial and funeral arrangements, as well as opportunities for the university community to pay tribute to Professor Matsha-Erasmus, will be communicated in due course.

May Professor Tandi Matsha-Erasmus be remembered with honour, gratitude and respect, and may her soul rest in peace.

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