



SEFAKO MAKGATHO  
HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY

Office of the Vice-Chancellor

### Holiday greetings from the Office of the Acting Vice Chancellor

We have come to the end of the academic year 2019 and I am certain that many will agree that it has not been an easy year for SMU. The prolonged strike earlier threatened to derail our effort to conclude the year and affected operations of the University.

On behalf of the management of the University, I want to thank the entire SMU community for working together tirelessly to save the 2019 academic year. The recovery plans that were implemented by the leaders of the schools, their staff working together with students have given us great results. Our collective efforts have demonstrated that if we work together, nothing is insurmountable.

I am particularly pleased to see that many of our students from the various schools have now taken their oaths and are ready to serve our communities. To all of you I say, go out and represent SMU and make us proud.

To the remaining students who are still to complete their qualifications, I wish you well for the year 2020 and continue to work with us to build a better SMU.

To the staff, thank you for your commitment and I hope 2020 will be a great year for all of us as we work to transform our University on all aspects.

May you all have a very relaxed, peaceful recess and festive season with your loved ones and come back more energized in 2020. Please exercise some caution on the roads and travel safely.

Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas. May the new year bring you and your loved ones much happiness, good health, lots of love and prosperity.

I thank you for your continued commitment to project SMU.

**Prof O Ayo - Yusuf**  
**SMU Acting Vice Chancellor**  
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