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## VISION

- To be the benchmark institution providing holistic health sciences education that meets the health needs of the individual, the family, the community and the population.

## MISSION

- Provide high-quality primary health care-oriented health sciences research, education and services.
- Deploy educational approaches that include evidence-based methods for curriculum development and delivery that are rooted in the community.
- Promote interdisciplinary research, education and skills training that recognizes the cross-disciplinary nature of holistic health care provision
- Produce a cadre of health professionals with the transformative leadership capacity to identify, analyse and address the health needs of the individual, the family, the community and the population.
- Create an environment that supports innovation and harnesses the power of new technologies to address the health needs of the community.

## MOTTO

'Knowledge for Quality Health Services'



## PROF CHRIS DE BEER MESSAGE, INTERIM VICE-CHANCELLOR

Welcome to SMU's first alumni publication. We trust that you will find the content informative and interesting. Hope the information contained in this publication will enable you to network and to refresh old relationships and contacts. Kindly also use this publication to build networks and to share information.

The #FeesMustFall campaign highlighted the challenges facing higher education in South Africa and the world. It changed the entire landscape permanently. The SMU supports the national aspiration to provide quality free higher education to the poor as soon as possible and recognise the fact that this is only achievable through a concerted national effort of all stakeholders. For the SMU to grow and remain sustainable it would need the support of not only government but also business and our alumni. The importance of our Alumni Association is clear against this background and the SMU wishes to position our alumni as strategic partners assisting the University to achieve its strategic aspirations.

To this end the SMU will appreciate the inputs from alumni with the view to developing its strategies, priorities and implementation plans.

We look forward to your participation and contributions.

**Prof Chris de Beer**  
Interim Vice-Chancellor





## **DR MOJI MOGARI OVERVIEW – INTERIM CHAIRPERSON OF SMU-MEDUNSA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

The year 2016 has been an extremely dramatic year for all tertiary institutions with the student's "Fees Must Fall" protest action reaching the boiling point. Perhaps we must compliment the interim management of SMU and the Council on the manner they have dealt with fees issues on campus. They adopted a pragmatic approach in the handling of the issues locally on campus. The approach they adopted should create long term commitment and trust between the University and the Students especially in ensuring needy students will be catered for as it has been in the past.

Our term, as the SMU-Medunsa Alumni Association Interim Committee officially ends on Saturday, 26 November at the Annual General Meeting, when the new permanent committee will be elected for a term prescribed by the Alumni constitution. Regrettably we will not achieve the financial targets that we had set ourselves. On the hand we have progressed in legally constituting the Alumni Association, and the key milestone being the formal adoption by the University Council of the SMU-Medunsa Alumni Association. This was further enhanced by the allocation of a dedicated resource by the University to support the office of the Alumni Association.

The road ahead for the Alumni is going to require creative ideas and methods to generate regular donations from the members to support various courses in the University. University records from the former MEDUNSA, University of Limpopo (Medunsa Campus) and the current SMU suggest that the Alumni has well over 16 000 members. On the current Facebook page there is 1500 members who are friends of the Alumni and on the



WhatsApp chat groups there is approximately 250 members chatting on a daily basis. The Alumni office has live data base of 500 live members. The biggest challenge will be to create a live data base of all 16000 plus members. The University and the Alumni should explore legal ways to access and create this live data base. A live data base will improve communication with every member of the Alumni Association. Therefore our donations' pool and potential will vastly improve. The new committee should make this task a priority.

Notably also at this gathering, we celebrate the 40 years of the existence of the SMU and its predecessors and we celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the class of 1986. We are really proud of this achievements. Current students and generations before were inspired by the likes of the class of 1986.

Let me conclude by mentioning that, the development of the SMU will be accelerated in the coming years, and therefore the extend of our support must also multiply exponentially if we are to add value to the development of the University. World class institutions don't just happen, they are created, and we as the Alumni hold key levers of control in ensuring that the University realizes that dream.





## DR PHOPHI RAMATHUBA – BORN TO LEAD

By Tumelo Moila

Dr Phophi Ramathuba who obtained a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB) degree at Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University (SMU), previously known as the Medical University of Southern Africa (MEDUNSA). Her postgraduate qualifications include, MSc in Medical Pharmacology, from University of Pretoria, Advanced Health Management from Manchester Business School and Leadership for Physicians, INSEAD University.

Currently serving as the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Health in Limpopo Province, her career choice was inspired by strict upbringing by her relatives.

“I grew up staying with my uncle and aunt who were laboratory technician and professional nurse respectively, so that had an influence on me to work in the health sector. It was always nice seeing my aunt wearing her nursing uniform with epaulettes”, she recalls.

Her journey to the MEC role commenced with the mandatory internship programme at the Mokopane Hospital, followed by the community service at the George Masebe Hospital between 2000 and 2001. Subsequently, she relocated to the Voortrekker Hospital where she became the Medical Officer and Senior Clinical Manager. In 2004, she was promoted to become the Head of the same institution until 2011.

She is grateful for her training in Leadership programme tailor-made for Physicians at





INSEAD University (European Institute for Business Administration). The training prepared Dr Ramathuba thoroughly for MEC role that demands extensive management skills.

“Honestly, I didn’t know that I will end up being the MEC for Health. I am grateful that the entire training prepared me for my current position”, she proclaimed.

Under her leadership, the Department of Health in Limpopo continues to strive for quality health care services that are accessible, comprehensive, integrated, sustainable and affordable. Her department conducts weekly and monthly primary health awareness raising campaigns across Limpopo.

“Growing up in a rural area where there was no electricity and limited access to basic health services drives me to do my best in addressing the health needs of Limpopo community”, she asserted.

Ramathuba’s leadership style entails allowing her staff members to be leaders in their own right. She emphasised that “I would not want to come to the HODs and say this is how things are done. I allow everyone to explore, I support every idea as long as it is an innovative idea and beneficial to the people we are serving”.

She honed her leadership skills at MEDUNSA where she was elected Deputy President and also General Secretary (GS) of Student Representative Council (SRC). “Being the GS of the SRC, I developed on how to serve because it was at that age where I had to negotiate to save students from being excluded. I then started understanding that it is not about me, it’s about the next person”, said Ramathuba, who hails from the Mashamba village, Limpopo.

Amongst her accolades, there is the Limpopo Premier’s Excellent Service Award in 2015.

She gained vast experience in trade unionism fighting for better working conditions and transformation of the health sector. She served the South African Medical Association (SAMA) in various positions. These ranged from director of SAMA board, National Chairperson for Public Service Doctors, President of SAMA and Treasurer General of the Commonwealth Medical Association.

Dr Ramathuba is both a health activist and politician. She is a member of Provincial Executive Committee and Provincial Working Committee of the ANCWL and ANC. She is also a provincial treasurer of the SACP.



## MS GLADYS BOGOSHI – LEADING FROM THE FRONT

By Tumelo Moila

Being a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) provides Ms Gladys Bogoshi a privilege to lead from the front and to chart a strategic direction at the Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital (CMJAH), one of the 10 central hospitals in SA.


Ms Bogoshi oversees an annual budget of R2.3 billion and a staff compliment of 4812. In 2013, her impeccable leadership skills so impressed the Gauteng Health Department that she was head-hunted from Helen Joseph Hospital.

“I was headhunted to participate in interviews for Central Hospitals in Gauteng and was picked as a successful candidate”, said Bogoshi.

Bogoshi’s involvement in the health sector began at Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University, where she obtained her Bsc (Hon) in Physiotherapy, the first degree group. Over the years, she acquired skills that thoroughly prepared her to coordinate all hospital activities in line with the vision and the mission of the Gauteng and National Department of Health. Her hard work was rewarded when she received a prestigious prize during the 2014 Premier Service Excellence Award. “I received the Premier’s Gold Special award as the best public servant in Gauteng”, she smiled, admiring her award.

Under her leadership, the hospital collaborates with the Wits Medical School to ensure high standard of training, research and development of undergraduate and postgraduate





students. She also ensures efficient and effective service at the hospital since the referral of patients also relies on it.

“Charlotte Maxeke Hospital serves as a tertiary and quaternary referral for one Provincial tertiary hospital, six (6) regional, four (4) district and three (3) Specialised hospitals in Gauteng. The hospital also renders service for the referrals from Mpumalanga and North West provinces including Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries.” explained Bogoshi.

Her academic qualifications include MSc Physiotherapy and MSc in Public Health for Hospital Managers, to mention a few. The National Department of Health values Bogoshi’s expertise when health policies, regulations and acts are formulated.

“I am regularly asked by the National Department of Health to give inputs or be a task team member on review of policy, regulations and Acts of parliament on health matters, delegations, and national core standards amongst others”, she said.

Her work experience comprises working as a Physiotherapist and managing several public health facilities for clinical supervision and external examiner in the country. During her six and a half years employment at Helen Joseph Hospital, she achieved these milestones

as part of improving the quality of health care service:

- Won first prize award for the cleanest hospital in Gauteng during the 2011 Gauteng Health Khanyisa awards.
- Reduced waiting times in Pharmacy from 6 to 8 hours to less than 2 hours through a number of innovations. This resulted in the second prize award by the Centre for Public Centre Innovation (CPSI).
- Started an outreach programme that delivers medication to more than 250 pensioners at the old age homes and churches. A partnership was also developed with Diepsloot clinic to pack medication for patients with chronic diseases to collect their monthly supply of medication nearer to their homes.
- Scored 82% in first accreditation done by National Health on the national core standards as part of improving quality of care and preparations for National Health Insurance.



## GRACIA MALAKA – ORAL HYGIENIST

By Joseph Fatlane

Twenty five years ago, a boy was born in the Malaka homestead at Ga-Masemola village in Limpopo Province. He was named Gracia Malaka and raised by his grand mother until the age of five. He then relocated to Phokwane village to stay with his father.

Growing up, he developed interest in dentistry and eventually enrolled for Oral Hygiene qualification at SMU. He graduated IN 2012, instead of following the traditional route of clinical work, he opted for an academic post as a junior lecturer.

He recalls his student years, with special focus on good memories. “Best highlight with regard to my studies was in my first year Psychology module. Out of eleven (11) modules, I only wrote two exams and was exempted from the rest. I also got an award for the best student in medical law and ethics” said Malaka.

His other responsibilities include being a course coordinator for the first year students studying both Bachelor of Dental Therapy and Bachelor of Oral Hygiene. “The course coordination role, is a best role given to me because it enables me to be able to help needy students with financial support where I can. For instance, support like buying them food and shoes” relate Malaka.

Malaka is also tasked with coordinating the students and lecturer’s academic exchange programme between SMU and Jönköping University (Sweden). Two students accompanied by the lecturer are involved in the annual three month long programme at Jönköping University, from January until April. “Their programme entails learning about health care improvement; oral health, clinical practice; intercultural and international communication; and Swedish language, culture and society. Their Swedish counterparts will be heading to SMU to undertake a similar programme (focusing on South African context)”, Malaka highlighted.





## MR JEAN-JACQUES KANGA – INDUSTRIAL PHARMACIST

By Tumelo Moila

Approximately ten years ago, Mr Jean-Jacques Kanga migrated from Ivory Coast in search of a different cultural and educational experience at Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University (SMU), previously known as MEDUNSA. Today, he is a Department Manager for Liquids, Creams and Ointments (LCO) in the manufacturing department at Pharma-Q (Pty) Limited, in Johannesburg.

His current job requires him to work in the capacity of an Industrial Pharmacist, who manages the daily production of Medicines and healthcare products.

His responsibilities include production planning, product improvement, line opening in manufacturing and packing; delegating team coordinators to organise the work of the operators; ensuring strict application of current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP) and quality assurance (QA) principles.

“I have always had an interest in industrial pharmacy, that is why I studied a Postgraduate degree in the specialist area of Radiopharmacy”, said Mr Kanga. He is pursuing a qualification of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Pharmacy. He obtained an MSc (Med) degree in Pharmacy (Radiopharmacy) in 2013 and Bachelor of Pharmacy degree in 2011 - all at SMU. He co-organised and presented “Radiopharmacy in Nuclear Medicine, a workshop” conducted at SMU’s Pharmacovigilance centre in 2014. He also was a member of the Task team for the South African Society of Nuclear Medicine (SASN)



that compiled an e-Learning series webinar for the European School of Nuclear Medicine (ESNM) in 2016. His passion for pharmacy stretches back to his childhood.

"I have always wanted to know the ingredients used in medicines, especially after seeing my mom taking medication. I used to ask her and she didn't know. My interest in Pharmacy developed from then."

When asked about his current managerial position. He says, "I enjoy it because it is challenging and highly stimulating. It also helps me hone my leadership skills. Most importantly, it is helping me lay down the foundation for my lifelong dream of building my own Pharmaceutical and Research Company which I hope will manufacture quality radiopharmaceuticals and propel research to aid the discovery of new cancer therapies".

### MR VUSI SAPE – DIETETICS AMBASSADOR

By Tumelo Moila

Research indicates that an astounding 70% of women and a third of men in South Africa are classified as overweight. Prevention and treatment of obesity requires a Dietitian who will assist patients in managing the process of regaining a healthier lifestyle. Mr Vusi Sape, a dietician at Tshwane District Health (Soshanguve) and

Botshilu Private Hospital, regards himself as an ambassador for his profession and is eager to address several aspects pertaining to human nutrition and dietetics. His impressive work has attracted media invites, leading to several local radio stations and SABC Bonitas House Call show, sharing his expertise. SMU alumnus Mr Sape scope of work involves all age group of patients. "My work involves Disease-specific nutrition support, treatment & counselling; Maternal nutrition; Infant and young child feeding; Youth and adolescent nutrition; Micronutrient malnutrition control; Food service management; Community-based nutrition interventions and Nutrition education, promotion and advocacy", Sape outlined.

On completion of his Bachelor Science in Dietetics, he was rewarded with several accolades



- Certificate of Merit in Community Nutrition II (2012)
- Certificate of Merit (PPS award, for Best Overall Performance in BSc Dietetics programme (2012)
- Certificate of Merit (Unilever award for Best Dietetic Student) (2012)
- Certificate of Merit (Life max award for Best Academic performance in Community Nutrition II (2012)

His outstanding academic performance has rubbed off on his passion to serve patients with great service. "I have managed to establish a trust in my patients and they believe nutrition works. These days' people believe we cannot do anything without nutrition. When I wake up from my bed before I go to work I need nutrition" said Sape.

Sape who was raised under by his mother under dire poverty is elated because he is now able to take care of his family. He recalls, "I remember a day when seven family members were just sitting in one room and I said to my mother that one day we will eradicate poverty. I used to motivate myself with the slogan 'you cannot be born poor and die poor'.

## **OATH TAKING CEREMONIES 2016**

### **SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

**Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB)**

**Bachelor of Diagnostic Radiography (BRad)**

Date: Thursday, 15 December 2016

Venue: SMU Sports Complex

Time: 09H00

### **SCHOOL OF ORAL HEALTH SCIENCES**

**Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS)**

**Bachelor of Dental Therapy (BDT)**

**Bachelor of Oral Hygiene (BoH)**

Date: Wednesday, 14 December 2016

Venue: SMU Sports Complex

Time: 10H00

### **SCHOOL OF HEALTH CARE SCIENCES**

**Bachelor of Pharmacy (B Pharm)**

**Bachelor of Nursing Sciences and Art (B NSA / B Cur)**


**Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (B Occ Ther)**

**Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy (BSc Physio)**

**Bachelor of Science in Dietetics (BSc Dietetics)**

**Bachelor of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (B SLP & A)**





Date: Tuesday, 13 December 2016  
Venue: SMU Sports Complex  
Time: 10H00

### School of Pathology and Pre-Clinical Sciences

#### Bachelor of Science (BSc)

##### \*Gala Dinner

Date: Friday, 25 November 2016  
Venue: Batter Boys Caterers (Montana, Pretoria)  
Time: 18h30

\*The School of Pathology and Pre-Clinical Sciences don't hold oath-taking ceremony. They will have their gala dinner.

### PROF GEOFFREY SETSWE – HUMAN SCIENCE RESEARCHER

When Prof Geoffrey Setswe talks about human science research, his face lights up, his deep passion is obvious. Working for the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) of SA, Prof Setswe is a Deputy Executive Director in the HIV/AIDS/STI/TB (HAST) research programme. Previously he worked as HSRC Chief Research Specialist and later Research Director in the same research programme from 2006-2010.

His research interests are in the behavioural and social aspects of HIV/AIDS/STI/TB, health policy, epidemiology and global health issues.

“Our mandate at HSRC is to inform the effective formulation and monitoring of government policy; to evaluate policy implementation; to stimulate public debate through the effective dissemination of research-based data and fact-based research results; to foster research collaboration; and to help build research capacity and infrastructure for the human sciences”, Prof Setswe explains.

With about 100 publications and more than 60 conference presentations to his credit, he has supervised or co-supervised 42 completed Masters and Doctoral degrees in public health and health sciences.

He once worked as a lecturer in nursing, senior lecturer and professor of public health programme for eleven years at SMU. He is the founding member of the Department of Public Health from which he graduated with the Masters of Public Health degree.

Setswe attributes his achievements to his strong work ethic. “My ability to work under pressure and meeting deadlines result in my high quality outputs”, he emphasised.





His practical skills in health programme planning, monitoring and evaluation; health policy and systems research always placed him ahead of his peers and as a consequence, his services are in demand. He is an associate professor in the Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) Research Centre of the HSRC and also serves in the BRICS Secretariat.

A founding Director of the AIDS Research Institute at Wits University, he coordinated AIDS research between 2003 and 2005. He was deputy chair of the AIDS Consortium from 2005-2011. In 2008-2012, he served as Co-Chair of the Research, Monitoring and Evaluation (RME) Technical Task Team (TTT) of the SA National AIDS Council (SANAC) and now serves on the Board of the Medical Research Council (MRC) as non-executive director.

He served as the Professor of public health at Monash University and was the founding Head of the School of Health Sciences at Monash South Africa campus, where he also served as Chairperson of the Senate (Board of Studies) between 2010 and 2013.

He has served in several research committees

- Masters of Public Health (MPH) degree was obtained from Temple University in Philadelphia, USA, where he was a Fulbright Scholar in the 1990's.
- He also has a BA Cur degree from UNISA,
- Six Diplomas in nursing and health management:
- 1984 - Professional nurse (PN)



- 1989 - Community Health Nurse (CHN)
- 1989 - Nurse Educator (NE)
- 1994 - Nurse Administrator (NA)
- 1992 - Health Services Manager
- 1996 - Primary Health Nurse Specialist

#### AWARDS

- 2004 - Award for being the first Doctor of Public Health graduate at MEDUNSA
- 2002 - Research Excellence Award in Public Health, MEDUNSA Research Day
- 1994-1996 - MEDUNSA Tuition Remission to complete the Hons B.Cur degree.

#### MISS RAHAB MOTHAPO – SPEECH LANGUAGE THERAPIST AND AUDIOLOGIST

By Tumelo Moila

After completing matric, Ms Rahab Mothapo (24) could not wait to fulfil her ambition to enrol for a Bachelor of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology (B SLP & A) degree at SMU. Her interest in the profession was fired by a conversation with a family friend, who attained the same qualification.

“She basically gave me information regarding what Speech and Audiologists specialise in and their expertise. I then realised that this is actually a very interesting field because my passion mainly lies in the elderly patients and children” said Mothapo.

She eventually obtained her degree in 2015 and was declared the overall best student in the B SLP & A degree.

Her awards include:

- Best Audiology Student (Theory)
- Best Speech Language Pathology Student (Theory)
- Best Audiology Student (Clinical)
- Best Speech Language Pathology Student (Clinical)
- Best Research Group
- Best Research Student

She is currently doing the obligatory





community service at Lebowakgomo Hospital in Limpopo Province. Her transition from SMU to the work place required her to learn to be self-confident.

“First of all, I had to learn something called confidence and it really played a big role. I have to be confident of using the skills that I have acquired at the university”. She pointed out.

Ms Mothapo is grateful to her lecturers. “If there is one thing I admire about my lecturers is that, they continuously ensured that I was well equipped with knowledge. As thus, I became confident in my skills and I am able to advocate for cases with valid references”.

As novice in the health sector, Mothapo was bound to face challenges. “First of all the working environment is vastly different compared to what I was exposed to academically. I face things such as poverty, HIV/AIDS within the community service and also deal with patients’ financial problems”, she articulated.

She further emphasised that, “I acquired an important skill since commenced with employment. That is being a humanitarian. the art of seeing a person as a whole being and not just as a case on your workload. I would also explain it as not just seeing the superficial problem but intervening on a family level as well”.



## ALUMNI HOME COMING REVOLUTION

By Padi Matlala

The return of alumni and friends of SMU/Medunsa is well and truly on course after heeding a call from the university to return to their alma mater to help build the new university. Alumni and friends turned up in their numbers at the reunions held in 2015 and 2016.

At the reunions, they reconnected with old classmates, rekindled old friendships and reminisced about their time as students, on the premises of the former SMU.

“As a rural girl, growing up I cherished the dream of becoming a medical doctor. I was able to realise this dream thanks to SMU/MEDUNSA for giving me that once in a lifetime opportunity to become a medical doctor, something that I will eternally be grateful.” enthused Dr Phophi Ramathuba, an alumnus, and a Member of the Executive Committee (MEC) for Health, Limpopo Province, who delivered a key note address at the SMU/Medunsa Alumni Association reunion.

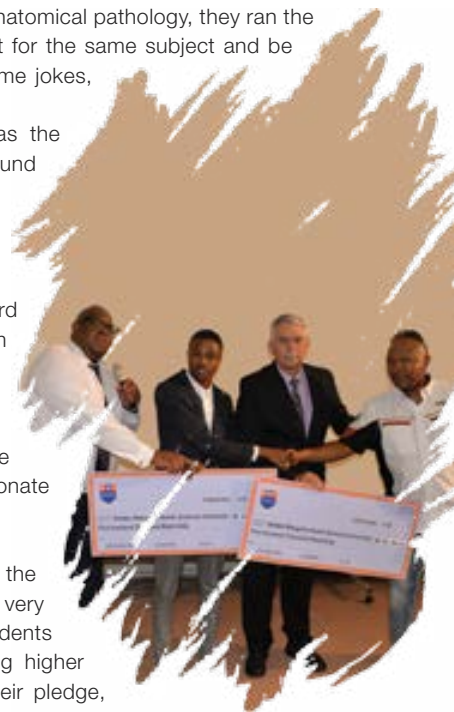
In her usual enthusiastic style, Dr Ramathuba also took the audience of former classmates on a trip down memory lane. She recounted hilarious moments when she attended the late Prof Muthuphei’s anatomical pathology lectures. She said Prof Muthuphei used to tell them, if they

did not work hard, to pass his anatomical pathology, they ran the risk of failing and they would sit for the same subject and be able to hear once again the same jokes, all over again, if they failed.

The highlights of the event was the pledges made to establish a fund for the SMU-Medunsa Trust.

The SMU pledged R500 000 and the Student Representative Council (SRC) also came on board and also pledged R500 000 from their 2015/16 budget. Alumni and friends of SMU-Medunsa also came to the proverbial party, and also signed pledge forms in which they pledged to donate minimum of R300, per month.

With the R1 million in place, the alumni made their intention very clear that the days of poor students who are talented not accessing higher education are over. True to their pledge,



alumni contributed R50 000 for the fees of students... to register to study at SMU.

An SMU Interim Committee (SMUIC) was established comprising the following alumni:

Dr Moji Mogari, Interim Chairperson

Dr Zakes Motene

Ms Karabo Raphokwane

## CELEBRATING HISTORIC AND FIRST TIME GRADUATIONS

By Padi Matlala

The SMU turned two in 2016 as a stand-alone comprehensive health sciences university. One of the highlights of this celebration was the two days graduation ceremonies. These historic graduations were addressed by Dr Anna Mokgokong, an alumnus of SMU, who was on her home coming to her alma mater.

Dr Mokgokong graduated with an MBChB degree, at the former MEDUNSA and proceeded to become an astute business woman and a founding chairperson of Community Investment Holdings (CIH) (Pty) Ltd. A "Serial Entrepreneur, as she describes herself, Dr Mokgokong spoke of her absolute delight that her alma mater had been re-

launched and re-branded to Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University (SMU), with a renewed fresh image.

"SMU was named after the late Mr Sefako Mapogo Makgatho, an eminent struggle era leader of the country, and one of those who were passionate about equity in tertiary training and education. He fought gallantly to demonstrate his conviction and sentiment on the subject." She said.

"I want to salute the late Mr Makgatho, for his invaluable contribution towards our education. In his honour, I would like to announce a "Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University/Afrocentric Health Bursary" for an outstanding female student".



Dr Anna Mokgokong  
SMU Alumnus



In a country that is diverse in equity, with both first and third world facilities and services, which are not in keeping with high levels of poverty and myriads of social challenges: I believe that this esteemed institution should make major accomplishments in training which can provide value add to address gross inequality in healthcare. She concluded.

The graduates benefited also from the wisdom and insights of Dr Sandile Ngcobo, the young South African Scientist who developed the first digital laser. Dr Ngcobo, working for the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) inspired natural sciences graduates to follow and even surpass his record of excellent achievements.

“Let me take this moment to whole heartedly congratulate each and everyone. You made it all by yourself” Said Dr Ngcobo. Ngcobo advised them “to develop a plan and work hard and smart just like successful people do. They are persistent and they hardly ever give up and they take calculated sacrifices to achieve their goals. So continue to strive and progress as you have done till today.”

### SMU SUBSTANTIVE COUNCIL

NAME	DESIGNATION
Judge NM Mavundla	Chairperson
Prof O Shisana	Deputy Chairperson
Prof C de Beer	Interim Vice-Chancellor
<b>MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS</b>	
Ms SA Mchunu	Director, Nursing: National
Prof J Meyerowitz	Executive Director of UKZN Foundation Trust



Lt Gen. Ramlakan	Chief of the corporate Staff Services: South African National Defence Force
Mr P Slack	Registered Accountant
<b>TWO MEMBERS OF SENATE ELECTED BY SENATE</b>	
Prof PS Mntla	Cardiology
Prof G A Ogunbanjo	Family Medicine and Primary Health Care
<b>ACADEMIC REPRESENTATIVES</b>	
Prof L Hay	Human Physiology
Prof T Mdaka	Nuclear Medicine
<b>TWO STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES</b>	
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