



SEFAKO MAKGATHO
HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY



SMU NextGen:

Investing in South Africa's
Future of Health Sciences

A Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University

**CONVOCATION FUNDRAISING
AND ALUMNI AWARDS
GALA DINNER INITIATIVE**

#SMUNextGenFundraising

About SMU:

A Legacy of Leadership,
Innovation and Impact



Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University (SMU), previously known as MEDUNSA, has been at the forefront of producing visionary health sciences professionals, groundbreaking researchers, and transformative leaders. Our alumni are not only at the helm of national healthcare systems but also shaping global health policy, pioneering life-saving innovations, and driving socio-economic transformation.

From the corridors of government to surgical theatres and boardrooms, SMU alumni continue to embody our mission: to advance the health sciences system of our nation through excellence in education, research, and service.

Yet, as we look to the future, our greatest responsibility is to ensure that the next generation of leaders has the means to rise to their calling.





The Need: Bridging the Student Funding Gap

Many gifted SMU students face financial hardship that threatens their ability to complete their studies. The cost of tuition, accommodation, and learning resources remains a significant barrier for aspiring health professionals from disadvantaged backgrounds.

By investing in the **#SMUNextGenFundraising**, you are investing in a pipeline of skilled, compassionate, and socially conscious professionals who will serve in communities where they are needed most.

Hall of Distinction: Leaders Who Inspire the Next Generation

SMU's alumni community includes extraordinary individuals whose work has transformed healthcare, governance, business, and innovation in South Africa and beyond.

- They are pioneering surgeons who have achieved world-first medical break-throughs.
- They are visionary health leaders who have shaped public policy and led provinces.
- They are entrepreneurs who have built multi-billion rand enterprises while creating opportunities for others.
- They are sports health professionals supporting national teams on global stages.



The Convocation Gala is where we celebrate such excellence – and remind ourselves of the profound impact SMU alumni have on the world. These leaders stand as proof of what is possible when potential is met with opportunity.

A woman with dark hair pulled back, wearing a bright yellow jacket, is smiling and holding a blue award trophy. The trophy is cylindrical and has a circular base with text and a logo. The background is a solid blue color.

SMU
Alumni
Shaping
the Nation

SMU CONVOY OF
ALUMNI
ALUMNI PERFORMANCE
LEADERSHIP AWARD
Dr. Joseph
Rameetha

- **Dr Gwen Ramokgopa** – Former MEC & Premier, Chancellor, and Deputy Minister of Health; a transformative leader in public health and governance.
- **Dr Anna Mokgokong** – Medical doctor turned business magnate; Chancellor of NWU and Executive Chairperson of a R20bn investment group.
- **Prof Zacharia Modise Koto** – President of the College of Medicine of South Africa, pioneer in complex surgical procedures.
- **Prof Mashudu Tshifularo** – World's first 3D-printed middle ear transplant surgeon, globally acclaimed ENT specialist.
- **Dr Phophi Ramathuba** – First female Premier of Limpopo, medical doctor and advocate for rural healthcare.
- **Dr Stanley Moloabi** – Principal Officer of GEMS, leading medical scheme reform.
- **Dr Magome Masike** – CEO & Registrar of HPCSA, visionary in healthcare policy.
- **Mr Thabo Sekwati** – Physiotherapist for Bafana Bafana and South Africa's national youth teams, championing sports medicine.



Your Impact in Action: 2024 Fundraising Beneficiaries

Every contribution to the *SMU NextGen Fundraising* initiative translates into real change for our students. Donations provide tuition relief, access to essential learning tools, and secure accommodation – ensuring that talented young people are able to focus on their studies and pursue their calling in health sciences. The lives of our students are being transformed through your generosity, and with continued support, many more will have the chance to complete their studies and go on to serve communities across South Africa and beyond.



Gala Theme & Purpose

SMU NextGen: Investing in South Africa's Future of Health Sciences is more than an evening of celebration – it is a call to action. The gala seeks to raise substantial funds for student support while recognising the achievements of alumni who continue to elevate the SMU name.

Sponsorship Opportunities & Benefits

We offer bespoke sponsorship opportunities designed to meet your organisation's branding, networking, and corporate social investment goals. Each tier offers a unique combination of:

- **Networking opportunities** with industry leaders, government officials, and changemakers.
- **Recognition** in event materials, publicity coverage on SMU platforms
- **Impact reporting** on how your contribution is changing lives.

Click below to access your sponsorship form:

<https://tinyurl.com/SMUPLedgeForm>



Scan the QR code to access your sponsorship form.



Join Us

in Lighting the Future

Your sponsorship is not just a donation — it is an investment in the next generation of South African healthcare leaders. Together, we can bridge the gap between potential and achievement, ensuring that talent never goes to waste because of financial hardship.

BANKING DETAILS

Account holder: Sefako Makgatho Health Science

Account number: 070754128

Bank: Standard Bank | **Account type:** Business Current Account

Branch code: 020909 | **Branch code (electronic payments):** 051001

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