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DEAR ALUMNI

Through this new edition of the UCT Legacy Society newsletter, I would like to offer you a taste of how the University of Cape Town strives to be not only the best in Africa, but the best for Africa.

For instance, UCT researchers often work in pristine lab conditions, but they also work just as hard to build close working relationships in townships like Masiphumelele outside Cape Town. This helps them to better understand diseases like tuberculosis (TB) and HIV/Aids, how these two conditions affect each other, and how these diseases affect community members' lives. I had the privilege in February of cutting the ribbon on UCT's new Aerobiology TB Research Facility in Masi – a community with a high incidence of both HIV and tuberculosis, and greatly in need of the innovative approach to TB control that the new facility will provide.

This facility is an important new element in the combined research that UCT has done in Masiphumelele over the years through the Desmond Tutu HIV Centre. It will allow us to determine whether someone has TB, by

screening for infective bio aerosols. A person who tests positive in the screening will then be referred for medical treatment so that transmission of TB by that patient can be stopped. If we can stop the transmission of TB, we can control the disease and, someday, eradicate it altogether. Imagine a South Africa that no longer has any cases of TB!

Imagining a new future is one of the ways UCT aims to create a sustainable institution that can help South Africa and the continent move into new areas of global participation and leadership. This means giving every student and staff member the best opportunity to grow as people, broaden their imaginations and build a community that embraces the institution's three pillars of excellence, transformation and sustainability. As Vice-Chancellor, I am encouraging all members of the campus community to excel at what we do - whether it is learning and studying, teaching, research or any of the many support functions that keep this institution running at top speed.

Excellence in higher education, combined with transformation, means being able to respond to the unique issues that are bearing down on our continent. This includes the universal changes that the Fourth Industrial Revolution will bring to how we live, work and present ourselves in a digital world. It means equipping our

students to not just win a place in our academic programme, but to thrive in that programme, and to leave with a better understanding of their socio-economic contexts than when they entered. It means giving them the confidence and skills to re-imagine their own world and make the changes that will bring it about.

Of course, it also means that students, empowered with UCT degrees, are at an advantage in the job market and better able to support their families and communities on the most basic level. But it also means that they leave UCT with a stronger vision for what their world can look like, and how they can help make that vision a reality. One way they can do so is by pursuing a postgraduate degree to help contribute to the academic project as researchers and future academics.

Reimagining South Africa through UCT needs to involve everyone - including people who may be far from campus geographically, although still close in heart and mind. One of the aspects of an ubuntu relationship is building community and ownership around something we all believe in. I see each of you as an essential member of the university community. Donor funding gives us room to think more imaginatively and creatively about our role as a university and the kind of world we want to help create. Your support has helped UCT to grow to what it is

today and I believe your continued support will keep us on an upward trajectory.

By pushing forward the frontiers of scholarship, we strengthen UCT's position as a leading institution. Much of this strength comes from the kindness of donor community members like you, who stand with us in advancing our strategic goals. Funding for bursaries and scholarships, for equipment, for workshop and conference travel, for performance opportunities, is generously supplemented through our donors, including those of you in the UCT Legacy Society. I want to thank you for the invaluable role you play in helping my colleagues and me to not only nurture the world-class talent at UCT, but to set ever-higher goals in research and scholarship and see how those goals are achieved.

Your generous bequests to UCT allow us to reimagine the campus community, our relationships with our neighbours and each other, and with colleagues across the world. We could not do this without you - and we wouldn't want to. It is so much more rewarding and fun when we can share every achievement with you.

Sincerely

Professor Mamokgethi Phakeng
Vice Chancellor | UCT



DEAR ALUMNI

It was with pleasure that I accepted the role as President of the University of Cape Town's Legacy Society in 2018. A year has already gone by and I am proud to report that we have seen significant growth in Legacy Society membership during this time. Last year various successful events were hosted and so far in 2019 we have already hosted events in Durban and Bloemfontein and will be visiting Pretoria in July and Namibia in August.

Feedback from our members makes me strongly positive about the future of UCT, and I hope to spread that optimism amongst my fellow alumni.

UCT continues to maintain its standing as the leading university in Africa. With your support we hope to build on our achievements and work to continually aim higher.

I look forward to engaging with our alumni

and welcome your contact. In the meanwhile, I urge you to consider your commitment to the future of research and excellence in teaching and scholarship at UCT and consider support through a bequest in your estate plans.

Fahim Docrat is on hand to answer any of your bequest questions. Please feel free to give him a call or email him on fahim.docrat@uct.ac.za

If you have already made provision for UCT in your estate plans, I thank you. If you feel it appropriate, please let us know so that we can keep you up to date on UCT activities and developments.

With kind regards

Hugh Amoore
President | UCT Legacy Society

REMEMBERING A BELOVED COLLEAGUE AND FRIEND

To commemorate the life of the late René Nolte, the late manager of the UCT Legacy Society, who passed away in December 2018, the Development and Alumni Department hosted a memorial service on 28 February 2019 at one of Nolte's favourite spots: the Rhodes Memorial restaurant.

Executive Director Dr Russell Ally delivered a moving tribute to Nolte, who is survived by his wife Christine, who was present at the memorial service. Dr Ally's tribute can be read in full below.

"It is very strange not to have René here with us this morning. Surreal almost. This was one of his favourite spots and we can almost imagine him making an appearance any moment now.

This is a bittersweet moment for many of us. This was where Rene spent a lot of time meeting with potential legacy donors and where he would 'seal' many of the agreements that would lead to legacy members leaving bequests to the university.





Rene loved what he did. He was passionate about UCT and wanted to see the university grow in stature and be sustainable well into the future.

He took what he did very seriously, believing not only in the contribution he knew he was making but in what leaving a bequest behind said about one's commitment to the university. You were not only leaving a part of yourself behind for future generations, but you were also making a clear statement about your belief in the long-term future of the university. You were connecting with its long past and making a pact with securing its future.

Not surprising then that Rene lead by example. Not only was he the Legacy Manager, but he was also a proud legacy member himself, wearing his legacy pin as a real badge of honour.

Rene loved life. Even when he was struggling with poor health he never gave up on hope and optimism. He believed that he was going to survive his ordeal which is what makes his passing even more sad and heart wrenching.

In the department you could always be sure that he would be among the first to volunteer for any assignment or activity. And he loved parties and a good time. Not surprising that

he was always involved in organizing end of year functions and other departmental activities. He'd also take great care to design the notices and invitations with punctilious attention to detail.

One of his highlights was putting together the Legacy Society newsletter. He always did this with loving care, revelling in the wonderful stories and reminiscences of the contributors. He loved bringing their stories to life and celebrating their accomplishments in life.

We have been missing René and will continue to miss him for a very long time. He leaves a wonderful legacy behind."



MS KATE DA SILVA THANKS THE BM RAFF WILL TRUST

I wish to convey my sincerest thanks to the BM Raff Will Trust for awarding me the Benfara Scholarship in 2017 for my Honours degree. Despite many draft attempts, a piece of writing is still an impossible means of thanking a Trust who have made, and continue to make for students, like me, their dreams to come true.

Born in Johannesburg, I was fortunate to attend a local university. In 2016, I graduated Cum Laude from the University of the Witwatersrand with a BSc degree in biochemistry and bioinformatics. Wanting to further my studies, I was faced with a mammoth task of how to afford a post-graduate degree. To compound matters, I was wanting to pursue a postgraduate degree at the prestigious University of Cape Town. Whilst applying, I decided to apply for university funding in an attempt to fund my studies. In December 2016, I received notification that I had received funding and could finally financially afford to make my

dreams a reality. In 2017, I began with an Honours degree in Clinical Pharmacology, situated in the Old Main Building of the historical Groote Schuur hospital.

Since a young child, I have been extremely passionate about academic achievement and obtaining a PhD (something I am still actively working towards!). To me, being given this opportunity means more than what I am even able to put into words. My time at the University of Cape Town, helped me further realise my career calling. I have always been passionate about helping people and UCT helped me realise that medical research was my contribution to the cloth of humanity as well as how I could make a massive difference in people's lives who require medical help. With this being said, the only possible manner I could properly thank the Trust was to give every last thing I had to this degree, to ensure that I made my sponsor proud to be associated with me as a researcher. The dedication I put into this degree helped me



graduate Cum Laude for the second time, with the utmost of thanks to the Trust for making my dreams a reality.

Fast forward two years, I am now pursuing my Master's degree at the University of the Witwatersrand in tissue engineering and regenerative medicine. Without the financial backing from the Trust, I would never have been where I am today. The funding opportunity pushed me to strive for greatness and as such allowed me to secure

my current position as well as funding for my current degree. I could not see myself following any other career path and will be forever grateful to the Trust for making this possible. I plan on furthering my career as a medical research scientist to overcome the current clinical shortfalls in response to South Africa's major diseases. In addition to this, I aspire to make scientific breakthroughs to once again highlight South Africa's contribution to world medical research.

I am truly grateful to the Trust for assisting me to actively achieve my life goal. Without the funding, I would never have been able to kickstart my postgraduate career and remain appreciative for everything UCT taught me. I will forever be a very proud alumna of UCT and one day hope to make a contribution to UCT as the Trust did for me.

Kate Da Silva

UCT LEGACY SOCIETY VISITS JOHANNESBURG WITH PROF PHAKENG



The UCT Legacy Society hosted Vice-Chancellor Professor Mamokgethi Phakeng at the Graduate School of Business campus in Sandton, Johannesburg on 24 November 2018, where the VC shared her vision for the university with members of the society and alumni.

Phakeng explained that her vision for the university is based on three interwoven principles: excellence, transformation and sustainability. Excellence without transformation, is not sustainable, she argued.

"Transformation that does not recognise excellence has no integrity and it disrespects black people," said Phakeng.

Phakeng also urged delegates to play an active role in developments at the university.

"You have our name on your CV. You should be concerned about what that name is becoming, because if it becomes something less than what you want it to be, it can mean that doors will close for you," said Phakeng.

"The stability of the campus, the quality of the academic programme, the standing of our scholars, all makes the name what it is, and it gives people the keys to open doors."

Phakeng also urged guests to consider donating via the UCT Legacy Society.

"That's important. It's not only because you've got the money. There are so many other causes that you can give to. Why should you choose UCT?

"Here's the thing: you can choose UCT because you recognise what it's done to your life, your professional life, how it's shaped your journey, your career and your life. But you can also give to UCT because you believe in its future. You believe, and you want to secure its future.

"You can ensure that what it did for you, it can do for many other students who will come even after you're gone. That's why we want you to give to the UCT Legacy Society."

The VC asked guests to think beyond "just funding bursaries".

"I want you to think about owning UCT. The people who own something do not only want to benefit from it by sending people



to get something from it," Phakeng pointed out. "They want to make sure it stands for a very long time, even after they're gone. They don't just want to fund someone who just wants to get a degree, but they're worried about the cracks in the building, about maintaining the university, [so that] what it did to us, it must keep doing to other people. That's positive, so I want you to think that way."

Delegates also met UCT Registrar Emeritus Hugh Amoore, who took over as president of the Legacy Society in March 2018.

"The lifeblood of UCT is healthy. It's coursing through the arteries and veins of UCT very

well," said Amoore. "But it needs oxygen. We've come through what to the outside may have seemed some difficult years. I think UCT is a stronger and better place for what's happened over the last three to five years."

"We face UCT in 2018, 2019, with what I see as a renewed sense of shared identity and belonging. Secondly, a renewed commitment to the renewal and, the change of our changing curriculum. Then, a recognition – and the rankings show this still – of UCT's commitment to excellence in everything."

The UCT Legacy Society is a vehicle for alumni and members of the public to leave a bequest for UCT in their estates.

LEGACY SOCIETY DURBAN EVENT

*UCT Legacy Society visits Durban with
Prof Loretta Feris on 17 May 2019*

*Dr Vasan Govind acknowledged for his major
donation at Durban Legacy Society event*



LEGACY SOCIETY BLOEMFONTEIN EVENT

*UCT Legacy Society visits Bloemfontein with
Judge Dennis Davis on 28 May 2019*



IN MEMORIAM

OUR MOST SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO ALL FRIENDS
AND FAMILY OF OUR RECENTLY DECEASED ALUMNI

Ms Alice Florence Aaron
Mr Cecil Richard Abel
Mr Ivan James Foster Abrahams
Mr Martin Carl Abrahams
Mr Leonard George Abrahamse
Mr Charles Abrahamson
Mr Basil Amler
Em Prof Bruce Murray Arnott
Mr Timothy Patrick Sheridan Atkinson
Mr Jan Hendrik Badenhorst
Mr Bernard Denis Bagshaw
Em Prof Christiaan Neethling Barnard
Mr Nolan James Barnes
Mrs Pamela Mary Barnes
Mr Geoffrey Ronald Bassett
Mr Reginald Norman Charles Beattie
Em Prof David William Beatty
Prof Walter Bosman Becker
Mr Hendrik Gysbertus Johannes Beekman
Mr Arthur Bernstein
Mr Robin Bertram
Dr Johannes Petrus Beyers
Ms Lauren Kay Bishop
Mr Arthur Jack Black

Mrs Margerite Una Bolland
Mr Richard Douglas Thatcher Borden
Mr Johannes Michiel Botha
Dr John Albertus Bothma
Mrs Joan Ursula Bowes
Mr Elvin Pringle Bowker
Em Prof Deirdre Jane Bradshaw
Mr Floris Johannes Brand
Mr Louis Johannes Bredell
Dr Paul MacKenzie Bremer
Mr Patrick Kildare Andrew Brennan
Dr Derek Montagu Brink
Dr Brian David Brokensha
Mr Cornelius Almeroe Broodryk
Dr Sam Bub
Mr Robert Owen Burgell
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Mr John Birmingham
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Ms Arlette Capelluto
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Ms Stella June Clark

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Rev Douglas Low Crawford
Dr Beric John Croome
Mrs Petronella Magritta Crouse
Dr Ann Elizabeth Carr Crozier
Mr Edward Joseph Daniels
Mrs Thelma Irene Davey
Mrs Freda Davis
Mr Harald Gustav Adolf Dawe
Mr Johannes Adam De Kock
Em Prof Jacques Charl De Villiers
Mr Rashid Domingo
Mr David Johannes Du Plessis
Mrs Enid Phoebe Du Plessis
Dr Graham Desmond Ducasse
Mrs Louise Sharon Emanuel
Mr Alfred George Erasmus
Mr Peter Erasmus
Mr John Henry Exley
Mrs Marian Rose Faiman
Dr Donald Leonard Fisher-Jeffes
Mr Pieter Christian Johannes Folscher

Mr Roger Michael Fritz
 Dr Geoffrey Mark Garrett
 Mr Rodney David Goodall
 Dr Johannes Devilliers Graaff
 Mr Neville Charles Gracie
 Dr William Sidney James Grant
 Dr Aubrey Groll
 Mrs Elise Henriette Gundelfinger
 Mrs June Louise Haarhoff
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 Prof Aubrey Hooper Hare
 Mr Basil Dennis Harris
 Dr Peter Miles Goyen Hart
 Mr Joseph Peter Jackson Hartford
 Assoc Prof Sidwill James Hartman
 Mrs Georgina Mary Harwood
 Dr Charlotte Marina Haw
 Mrs Lily Joan Helfrich
 Mrs Judy Anne Sinclair Hoare
 Dr Robert Albert Holbrook
 Mr John Edward Holloway
 Mrs Salomea June Honnor
 Mrs Sybil Elizabeth Hooper
 Mr Sidney Charles Housdon
 Mr John Henry Hufkie
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JOIN THE LEGACY SOCIETY

If you have not already joined the Legacy Society, please consider completing the bequest form and supporting your alma mater.

You can contact the Legacy Society Manager, **Fahim Docrat** on **0815713164** or **fahim.docrat@uct.ac.za** for more information and assistance.

DISCOUNTS FOR LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS



The UCT Legacy Society has since the mid '90s been a great source of support for the University of Cape Town. Through this bequest programme millions of Rands have been donated to UCT ensuring the university's sustainability. We would like to thank all our members for committing their support in such a personal way.

We are happy to report that the following entities have chosen to offer Legacy Society members preferential rates and discounts.

You may now access these special rates with the following entities:

- La Vita Spa 20% discount
- Protea Hotel Mowbray preferential rate
- Protea Hotel Breakwater Lodge preferential rate
- Hastens Beds SA 15% discount
- Swarovski Lighting SA 15% discount
- Aura Interiors 20% discount

To access special rates, please email Legacy Manager, Fahim Docrat at fahim.docrat@uct.ac.za or phone on 0815713164. Terms and conditions apply.

Your support is much appreciated.

UCT Legacy Society

FORM OF INTENT

BEQUESTS

Title Name

Surname

Address

Postal Code

Year of Graduation and Degree

I intend to leave a bequest to the University of Cape Town when I next update my Will.

Please send me further information.

I have already included the University of Cape Town in my Will, and wish to be included into the UCT Legacy Society.

My bequest should be used for the following purposes:

Field of study (if applicable):

- Should you want to make a once off donation please make contact with our office.
- Donations and Bequests are tax deductible in terms of the Income Tax Laws of South Africa. For more information in this regard or any other queries please contact:

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For recognition purposes, may we recognise you publicly

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Date Place