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## **Mda, Sanders and UCT students to be capped next week**

The University of Cape Town's midyear graduation will take place at three ceremonies on 7 and 8 June 2012. Along with students who will receive their respective degrees on stage at Jameson Hall, literary giant Zakes Mda and medical pioneer Professor David Saunders will receive honorary doctorates at the 15h00 ceremony on Friday, 8 June 2012.

Novelist, poet, playwright, painter, composer and filmmaker, Mda will give an acceptance speech after receiving his honorary doctorate in literature (DLitt). Mda has distinguished himself as a writer and continues to have a significant impact as a commentator and thought leader.

Professor David Sanders will be awarded the Doctor of Science in Medicine. Sanders is an iconic figure in the field of public health, nationally, regionally and internationally. His work has contributed to the understanding of primary health care as a framework for health and development, and to improvements in child health through research, teaching and training, and policy advocacy and service development.

There is limited time available for interviews with the honoraries. Please forward your interview request and whether you will be attending the graduating ceremony to [loga.makwela@uct.ac.za](mailto:loga.makwela@uct.ac.za) no later than 13h00 on Tuesday 5 June or call 021 650 5427.

Graduation figures will be available next week.

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