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## **Measure success in terms of social commitment – Price**

**Message to December 2010 graduates of the University of Cape Town  
by Vice-Chancellor Dr Max Price**

There are few jobs as satisfying as sending UCT graduates out into the world. My colleagues and I have reason to celebrate – not only on the day of your graduation ceremony, but also in the years to come, as we read about UCT alumni who actively participate and contribute to the communities they work and live in.

We will hear of you as you start new business ventures (or transform old ones); make inroads in the fields of medicine, science and technology; win landmark court cases or rewrite law; break new ground in the arts, literature and media; build an eye-catching new style of building or bridge – or perhaps engineer the formula that will lead to the replacement of petroleum someday.

We are sending you out with great expectations, just as I know you have ambitious expectations of yourself. You have already met the high standards that were set for you in order to graduate. This is no ordinary achievement.

You all came from different environments, schools, personal circumstances and ability. There must have been many academic, financial, social and personal challenges to meet on the path that led you to this graduation ceremony. Yet, here you are. Graduates of UCT!

I am also certain that in most cases, as you faced these hurdles, you relied on the support of family members and friends. They too are congratulated today.

You have the privilege of higher education that many will never attain. It is most important that you put this to use in the world for the benefit of all. It will be the values and social commitment that inform your work and achievements that will make us most proud of you as graduates of UCT.

**Note: The first of 12 UCT graduation ceremonies will take place today at 15h00 in Jameson Hall, awarding Health Science degrees.**

***December 2010 graduation timetable***

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Faculty</b>	<b>Special guests, awards, honorary degrees, etc.</b>
Wed, 15 Dec, 15h00	Health Sciences 1	<b>Fellowship:</b> Dan Stein  <b>Distinguished Teacher Awards:</b> Prof Roland Eastman and Zephne van der Spuy
Thurs, 16 Dec, 10h00	Humanities 1	
Thurs, 16 Dec, 15h00	Science 1	<b>Fellowships:</b> Prof Timothy Egan
Fri, 17 Dec, 10h00	EBE 1	
Fri, 17 Dec, 15h00	Commerce 1	
Sat, 18 Dec, 09h00	Humanities 2	
Sat, 18 Dec, 14h00	Commerce 2	
Sat, 18 Dec, 18h00	EBE 2	
Mon, 20 Dec, 10h00	Commerce 3	
Mon, 20 Dec, 15h00	Humanities 3	Anthony Sher [ <b>honorary</b> ] Janet Suzman [ <b>honorary</b> ]
Tues, 21 Dec, 10h00	Law	Navi Pillay [ <b>honorary</b> ] Linda Chalker [ <b>honorary</b> ]
	Science 2	<b>Social Responsiveness Award:</b> Dr Hanna-Andrea Rother of the Center for Occupational Health Research
	Health Sciences 2	
Tues, 21 Dec, 15h00	Humanities 4	

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