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## **Tutu unable to attend UCT grad ceremony today**

Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu will not be attending the graduation ceremony this morning at the University of Cape Town, as he has not been released from hospital following a medical procedure over the weekend. UCT has no further details about his condition.

Tutu was planning to receive the Graça Machel Chancellor's Award for Continental Leadership at the graduation ceremony at 10h00 today in Jameson Hall.

Human rights champion and former Black Sash leader Ms Mary Burton will be awarded an honorary doctorate degree in social science at the graduation ceremony at 15h00 today, for her enduring commitment to justice and reconciliation, and the leading role she has played in bodies esteemed for their advancement of liberty. At the same ceremony, Black Sash trustee Di Oliver will become the first recipient of the UCT Chancellor's Medal, for her work in advancing the cause of peace and justice in South Africa.

Dr David Potter, the founder and former CEO of microcomputer systems company Psion, will be awarded an honorary doctorate degree in engineering at 15h00 tomorrow, 13 December, for his phenomenal contribution to technology and software.

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