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## **UCT students plan historic Argus Cycle Tour with buggy**

### **Ability activist Chaeli Mycroft to ride behind Grant Kruger on Sunday**

University of Cape Town first-year student and ability activist, Chaeli Mycroft, will take part in the Pick 'n Pay Argus Cycle Tour on Sunday – riding behind fellow UCT student Grant Kruger.

In a first for the Argus Cycle Tour, Mycroft will travel in a specially designed buggy attached to Kruger's bicycle.

Mycroft, who has cerebral palsy and is wheelchair-bound, has consistently risen above the odds and has earned widespread support for the Chaeli Foundation, which she founded with her sister and friends in 2004.

Reinette Popplestone, the Head of Disability Services at UCT, says the university fully supports the tenacity and initiative shown by Mycroft and Kruger. "It's wonderful to see UCT students working together like this," Popplestone said. "Chaeli is an example of a new kind of disabled person who is pleased and proud to be who she is. She has the attitude that she doesn't need to make allowances to the world. We embrace her confidence and determination."

Popplestone says she will be joining UCT staff and students in cheering Mycroft on during the race.

Mycroft is a first year humanities student in residence at UCT. She has earned widespread praise for the Chaeli Foundation, which she founded with her sister and friends in 2004. The foundation has helped more than 3,000 children to receive wheelchairs and hearing aids, among other support.

Mycroft was awarded the International Children's Peace Prize in 2011, as well as the medal for Social Activism at the Nobel Laureate Peace Summit last year.

Kruger graduated with the Bachelor of Commerce degree at UCT in December and is now pursuing a second Bachelor's degree, this time in the field of human physiology.

**Their race can be followed on Sunday on Facebook at: [chaeliconquerscycletour2013](#), on Twitter at: [chaelz\\_162](#) and on Mycroft's blog: [chaelz-thisisme.blogspot.com](#).**

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