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UCT student meets untimely death

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University of Cape Town student Nnete Mojaesi Malebo was found dead in her room in residence on the morning of Thursday, 23 October 2014. She was 22 years old and just one month away from graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Commercial Science, before embarking on a Master's programme in the UCT Commerce Faculty next year. The cause of death has not been determined but no crime is suspected.

Ms Malebo was head girl of Eunice High School in Bloemfontein and was awarded Junior Colours for Provincial Hockey. She was the recipient of a prestigious Allan Gray scholarship. She was a Vice-President in Investsoc, UCT's Investment Society and was involved in other campus organisations and activities.

Ms Malebo was a Subwarden in Clarinus residence at UCT for the last two years; this year she was Senior Subwarden and Deputy Head Girl. Nafisa Mayat, who was Warden at Clarinus until June 2014, said: "Nnete was so central in the lives of the students and staff of Clarinus Village and will be missed by all whose lives she touched in that special way of hers."

Ms Malebo is survived by her parents, Sekhopi and Keitumetse and her older brothers Uhuru and Kopano, who are both graduates of UCT. Both brothers are former Head Boys of St Andrews High School in Bloemfontein, and Uhuru, like his sister, was an Allan Gray Scholarship recipient.

Mr Sekhopi Malebo said: "My family and I are grateful for the wonderful 22 years we had with Nnete, who brightened our lives with her enthusiastic and energetic, forthright personality."

UCT extends its condolences to Ms Malebo's family and friends. The university is providing the necessary support to the Malebo family to return the body to Bloemfontein for burial. Counselling has also been provided for fellow students.

A memorial service is planned for 09h00 on Saturday, 25 October 2014, at Clarinus Residence at the top of Anzio Road in Observatory. The funeral will be held at the family's home on Saturday, 1 November 2014, at the family's home in 15 Lilyvale Road, Raytok Ridge, Bloemfontein. (The time to be confirmed; for more information, please call 072 462 5713 or 073 036 2575.)

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