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UCT Vice-Chancellor wishes class of 2019 matriculants well for their exams

University of Cape Town (UCT) Vice-Chancellor Professor Mamokgethi Phakeng has wished the class of 2019 matriculants well for their examinations. This year, 790 405 matriculants will sit for their exams, which started today.

"I wish only the best for you as you prepare for each exam and aim for the best results possible," said Professor Phakeng.

"I realise that some of you have persevered despite very difficult circumstances. Well done on getting this far. This is indeed an exciting time of your life. Within a few weeks you will be on the cusp of a new beginning with important decisions to make. Whatever you decide to do, whether it's to work, travel or study further, remember to make wise decisions," she said.

Professor Phakeng said she hopes many of the learners are considering studying at university "and of course we would love you to study at UCT."

She added: "A university qualification can go far in helping to set you up for success. Here at UCT, we work hard to ensure we have the best students regardless of financial background".

"As you write your exams, I want to thank all the teachers, principals, parents and guardians for their support, hard work and commitment in getting you to this stage. They have all played a vital role. To matriculants, good luck with your exams. I urge you to work really hard in the run-up to each of your exams but also to keep a balance. Schedule enough downtime to do some exercise spend time with family and friends and get enough sleep. Keep focus and stay on course. I'm rooting for you and hope that your hard work will be rewarded."

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