



August 3rd 2018

The Mayosi Family
and
The Registrar, University of Cape Town

Dear Mayosi Family

MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO THE MAYOSI FAMILY AND TO UCT

On behalf of the University of Fort Hare, and the Faculty of Health Sciences under the leadership of Professor Pinky Seekoe in particular, I want to extend our condolences to your family as well as to the University of Cape Town. The loss of someone like Bongani is devastating. I have been able to express my sense of this loss to some of you personally earlier this month. As a University community we are reeling.

Nonetheless, we choose to remember Professor Mayosi's contribution, which will not be forgotten and cannot be erased. We will honour him by continuing to fight for and work towards the principles he upheld and embraced.

Last year, we invited him as the honorary speaker for our September Health Sciences graduation ceremony. He warmly welcomed the invitation and gladly attended. Of course, as could be expected, his speech was stimulating and inspiring. We were deeply impressed by his ideas of developing and building a dynamic, community-serving new Faculty of Health Sciences.

Through his leadership as Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Cape Town (UCT), a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the University of Fort Hare and UCT. Through this partnership, UCT assisted UFH with capacity-building for academic staff, the development of a curriculum for our Rehabilitative Sciences programme as well as joint proposals for fundraising.

His death came as a shock to us. His absence will be felt acutely and his presence will be missed – as one of the best cardiologists in South Africa, but also a person of wit, warmth and integrity.

We wish the family and the UCT community strength and resilience during this very difficult time.

Sincerely

Professor Sakhela Buhlungu
Vice-Chancellor and Principal



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Supreme Order
of Baobab
(Gold)