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UCT Vice-Chancellor wishes the matric class well ahead of exams

The year 2020 has been a difficult one for learners writing their final matriculation examinations. University of Cape Town (UCT) Vice-Chancellor Professor Mamokgethi Phakeng shared an inspirational and uplifting message to the matric class of Heideveld Secondary School at their valedictory service.

This message about the importance of courage is, however, universal.

“This year has been very challenging, it took a lot of courage for you to get here and as you step out into the next phase of your life, I want you to know that you are going to continue to need a lot of courage,” shared Phakeng.

She emphasised that courage is what is going to help learners overcome the challenges ahead. Challenges are needed to help one build courage and the strength to do exactly what they need to do.

“If everything comes to you with no effort or struggle on your part, then you will never get to know how strong you are,” she continued while sharing her own experiences and emphasising that struggling is not a weakness. She made reference to the fact that most of those we admire and those who have changed the world also had to overcome obstacles to achieve their dreams.

“Along with love, courage is one of the key things you will need in this life.”

She ended by saying: “I believe in you and I look forward to seeing you at UCT sometime in the future. All of the best for your exams and for the future.”

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