



COMMUNIQUE TO ALUMNI

COMMENCEMENT OF 2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

2019 #1

Dear Alumni

Best wishes for 2019! I trust that you have enjoyed the holiday period with your family, friends and loved ones, and that you are rejuvenated. May you all have a wonderful year, both professionally and personally!

The 2019 academic year has commenced in true CUT fashion. A total of 16 268 students, of which 4 373 are first-year students, have registered, and lectures have commenced today. I would like to thank our alumni, Management, all staff, the Students' Representative Council (SRC) at both the Bloemfontein and Welkom campuses, the Student Assistants, and all our students for their contribution in ensuring smooth admission and registration processes, and the commencement of the lectures. Management implemented several special concessions, as agreed upon with our student leaders, to accommodate our financially needy students.

Furthermore, successful academic opening ceremonies were held on 30 January 2019 and 1 February 2019 at the Welkom and Bloemfontein campuses, respectively. Thank you to those alumni who attended these ceremonies. All of these were indeed a CUT team effort.

Management's vision for the Alumni Association of CUT is to empower and support this important stakeholder during 2019, developing it into a vibrant and active association for the betterment of the university. We fully embrace the CUT Alumni Association Strategic Plan 2018 – 2021, and will provide all possible support to allow you to achieve the goals set in the plan.

Management would like to acknowledge the Alumni Association for their support, and commend the President of the Alumni Association, Mr Major Cindi, and the Executive Committee, for their commitment and leadership to position and promote the Alumni Association, and to align its endeavours with Vision 2020. We will meet with the Executive Committee on 15 February 2019, for purposes of further engaging on our strategies and actions for 2019.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to **each** alumnus for his/her contributions to enhance CUT. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to CUT, your alma mater. We look forward to your continuous support in 2019!

Best wishes / Katleho le Mahlohonolo / Beste wense

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