

Congratulations on this milestone!!!

It is a significant moment when a new capacity is created for the education of doctors. It contributes to the need for the health and wellbeing of our people. It is more significant when such a facility is located within a strong faculty with an established legacy of education, delivering multiple cohorts of graduates from a broad range of health professionals already in the service of our people across the land. This intersection promises us that the doctors you will grow will be mindful of an interprofessional spirit.

Your school starts its work in a time of pandemic which has taken a significant toll. Amidst this struggle, this moment of celebration builds on the legacies of people alive and dead for whom this is the culmination of a dream. I salute these legacies and I am alive to the promise you make for generations to come through this new enterprise.

The Missionvale Campus offers us all a view of the impact that education of health professionals outside of tertiary facilities can offer. It is important that your campus is located close to the people whom society may have marginalised. This will be an opportunity for your graduates to feel the spirit of the people and translate it into socially accountable practice.

Steven Bantu Biko once wrote:

In time, we shall be in a position to bestow on South Africa the greatest possible gift - a more human face.

I look forward to your contribution to this ideal. I offer the celebratory greetings of our Faculty of Health Sciences. We wish you strength. We wish your teachers and your students great learning. We wish your researchers great creativity to answer the complex questions of our time. We wish your people better health because of your work.

Enkosi kakhulu.



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