

MESSAGE OF SUPPORT

Re: Nelson Mandela University's Medical School official launch

On this occasion of the official launch of the Nelson Mandela University's Medical School at Missionvale Campus on 30 November, the University of Limpopo Medical School is delighted to extend its fraternal message of support. We are aware of the arduous challenges that you may have encountered towards the establishment of this much-needed national treasure. We applaud your steadfast determination and efforts. We are certain that your well-crafted programmes will adequately address the acute medical skills shortage that besiege our country, and in the long run, contribute towards the realisation of universal access to quality healthcare.

We therefore wish you a great journey as you set forth to sharpen the much-needed medical professionals – from general medical practitioners to future specialists in the fields like paediatrics, orthopaedic surgery, ophthalmology, urology, neurology, otorhinolaryngology, forensic pathology and obstetrics and gynaecology. The country's medical needs are high, and we can only attain an improved quality of life when we collectively produce our own medical practitioners. The lasting impact of Covid-19 coupled with South Africa's ailing health system suggest that we urgently need more medical professionals not only in times of crisis, but for our everyday well-being.

Once again, we doff our hats in awe as you become the tenth medical school in our country. The expectations are high, and you dare not fail in your historic mission.

Best of luck in all your endeavours.

From the University of Limpopo School of Medicine