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#### **MEDIA RELEASE**

Attention All Editors - For Immediate Release

### **VUT AUTUMN GRADUATIONS: CELEBRATING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND ACHIEVEMENT**

**15 April 2024 | Vanderbijlpark |** The Vaal University of Technology (VUT) is celebrating the academic accomplishments of its 3 705 graduates at its Autumn Graduations. The ceremonies got underway this morning at the Desmond Tutu Great Hall at its main campus in Vanderbijlpark and will run from 15 – 20 April 2024 at 09:00.

Of the total number of qualifications to be conferred, 48 are doctorates and master's degrees, 459 B-Tech and Postgraduate Diplomas, while 3 198 represents advanced diplomas, diplomas and national diplomas — all from across our four Faculties: Applied & Computer Sciences, Engineering & Technology, Human Sciences and Management Sciences.

In his congratulatory message, VUT Vice Chancellor and Principal, Prof Stephen Khehla Ndlovu said he was privileged to witness the culmination of graduates' hard work, dedication, and perseverance. "You have shown not only academic excellence but also the qualities of resilience, determination, and adaptability that are essential for success in today's volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous world," he said.

"As you step into the next phase of your life – be it furthering your studies, entering the workforce, or pursuing your passions, remember that the skills and experiences you have gained here will guide you towards achieving your dreams and making a positive impact to the world" continued Prof Ndlovu. He further urged graduates to remain curious, continue to learn, and to never shy away from challenges, saying it is through challenges that they would grow and evolve. "Be courageous in pursuing your goals, compassionate in your interactions, and ethical in your decisions."

He concluded by reminding attendees that this year's graduations coincide with the university's celebration of twenty years as a University of Technology. "Throughout these years, VUT has and continues to offer an expansive catalogue of industry tailored undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. Our diverse Programme Qualification Mix caters to a wide range of students with interests and ambitions in various disciplines, just like you."

All the sessions will feature distinguished guests, keynote speakers, and performances by the university choir to add grandeur to the event that marks the beginning of graduates' professional careers and contributions to society.

### **NOTE TO EDITOR:**

Other graduation details including livestreaming of all ceremonies | CLICK HERE.

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