



UNIVERSITY OF MPUMALANGA

Creating Opportunities

UMP 2024 Convocation Elections

PRESIDENT



Siphohle Molahlegi Mogopudi

I am deeply honored to accept the nomination for the position of President of Convocation at the esteemed University of Mpumalanga. As an alumnus holding both a Bachelor and an Honours degree in Development Studies from this very institution.

My vision as President is to spearhead initiatives that directly address the pressing issues within our community. Foremost among these is the imperative to fundraise effectively to alleviate student debt, ensuring that financial barriers do not impede the academic and professional growth of our students.

Additionally, I aim to forge strong partnerships with industry leaders to open up a wealth of graduate job opportunities, bridging the gap between academia and the professional world. Above all, I am dedicated to cultivating a vibrant alumni network that supports our graduates long after they leave our halls, reinforcing the enduring bond between them and the University of Mpumalanga.



Sizwe Steven Nyerenda

My vision revolves around creating a convocation ceremony that embodies inclusivity, celebrates diversity, and honors the achievements of every graduate. With a profound commitment to bridging the University with its alumni and academic staff, my vision is to strengthen these vital connections. I aspire to create a robust network that not only fosters collaboration but also supports the strategic objectives of the university. Central to my platform is organizing former students and academic staff to ensure their effective representation on governance structures, thereby amplifying their voices within our university community. Through proactive engagement and advocacy, I aim to cultivate a cohesive and influential convocation that contributes significantly to the advancement and excellence of our beloved institution. Your support is crucial in realizing these ambitions, and I am eager to serve as your advocate and liaison in this transformative journey.



Kamogelo Pollen Teffo

I am Kamogelo Pollen Teffo, a proud holder of a Master's degree (Agric). I am excited to announce my candidacy for the position of President of the University of Mpumalanga Convocation. As a product of this esteemed institution, I have always been committed to giving back to the university community that has shaped me into the person I am today. As your President, my vision is to create a platform that fosters unity, inclusivity, and excellence among students, staff, and alumni. I believe that our collective strength lies in our diversity, and I am committed to amplifying the voices of all members of our university community.



Thuso Tshiloane

Dear Graduates and Alumni,

I am excited to announce my candidacy for Convocation President. My name is Thuso Tshiloane, a 27-year-old driven by a passion for our university community. My campaign focuses on enhancing job readiness skills, creating job opportunities, securing funding for entrepreneurs, and promoting mental health awareness. Together, let's shape a brighter future for our alma mater!

With a BSc Hons in Agricultural Sciences, leadership certificates from Stellenbosch University, and certifications in the 4th Industrial Revolution and Sustainable Development from the UJ, I am committed to excellence and innovation. Recognized by SAUS and the Black Management Forum for my community impact, I led the BMFstudent chapter SRC/CRC, founded The Giving Hand Foundation, and represented UMP as a Student Entrepreneurship Ambassador at DHET. As Founder & CEO of Stayhope Properties and Executive Director of Ligcabho Le'Africa Properties, I have created over 50 jobs and have extensive experience in Development & Innovation.

VICE PRESIDENT



Tshepo Ntokozo Mnguni

As a candidate for the UMP Convocation, I am committed to fostering stronger ties between the University and its alumni, as well as enhancing support for current students. I propose the implementation of an SRC Trust Fund, aimed at assisting students with registration fees and meal assistance, particularly those without funding or sponsors. This trust fund will be financed through levies from former students, ensuring that our alumni community plays an active role in supporting the academic success and well-being of our students. Together, we can create a sustainable support system that empowers every student to reach their full potential.



Lindani Andile Ndlovu

Given the opportunity to lead I would bridge gap between the institution and the graduates by promoting the projects that are done by one of us.

This will be done while promoting the values of the institution which promotes collaboration within ourselves, diversity, integrity and adaptation to our society.

By the above mentioned information we will be able to achieve one of the objectives of the institution of Research and Innovation



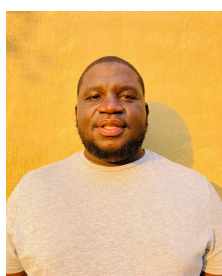
Phakisho Seshegela Sekhula

As Convocation Vice President, I will advocate for:

- Increased support for postgraduate students, including flexible study options and resource access
- Decentralization of postgraduate studies, allowing students to pursue their research interests without being tied to a specific institution.
- Enhanced representation and support for students from diverse backgrounds and disciplines
- Strengthened collaboration between students, faculty, and management to address pressing issues and improve the university experience

Vote Phakisho for Convocation Vice President, and let's work together to empower students and advance our university community!

SECRETARY



Sinehlanhla Humphry Mabila

Dear University of Mpumalanga Alumni

Allow me to introduce myself, I go by the name Sinehlanhla Humphry Mabila a UMP Graduate who graduated the year 2020.

I am committed to meet and discuss any matter within the sphere of competence of the university and transmit any resolution to the university governing authorities or the wider public;

To maintain a database of members in order to enhance communication and information dissemination between members and the University, and to form the voters' roll for the election of council members

To find amicable solutions on issues affecting UMP graduates such as student debts settlement that has always been a stumbling block in most of UMP graduates.

Equal funding scheme provided to deserving post-grats as provided to undergraduate by the institution

UMP graduates must be first preferences when opportunities arises within the institution.

Qualifications

Dip. Agricultural production

Honours in Production management (SASRI)



Nsovo Jessica Nkuna

As a dedicated leader and advocate for student empowerment, I, Nsovo Nkuna, bring a strong educational foundation and a proven track record of leadership excellence. With experience in various student leadership roles, I have demonstrated a passion for supporting students and fostering community engagement. As Convocation Secretary, my goals include:

- Building connections among alumni, students, and faculty through regular updates and events
- Organizing convocation events and maintaining accurate records
- Facilitating communication channels for alumni to share achievements and feedback
- Collaborating with faculty to support student success and career development
- Enhancing the convocation experience through innovative programming and inclusive practices

I am committed to serving with integrity, enthusiasm, and dedication, building on the institution's rich history while driving progress and innovation for the future.

Additional Member



Cyril Nikie Shungube

It has been 6 years since I have graduated from the institution and I have experienced the so called "life after graduation". Having to experience struggles of unemployment and job hunting, at some point I felt that the institution left us in the den of lions. The University's motor is "creating opportunities" and graduates should benefit from such opportunities and Continuous communication and involvement of graduates by the institution is essential. Some graduates were not able to receive their certificate due to financial constraints, hence they are struggling to apply for job or furthering their studies. A voice is needed for such issues. With my experience, leadership and Passion, I believe am that voice the graduates need. Please vote me and together we will bring change. The graduates will be also prioritized, by the institution, with job and learning opportunities.



Gundo Gabara

I am committed to representing the needs of our graduates and working with the University administration to enhance their success.

Commitments:

- Collaborate with the Convocation and administration to support graduates
- Enhance networking opportunities for graduates
- Improve communication between Convocation and administration
- Uphold the reputation of the University and enhance the value of degrees
- Address and strive to solve the unemployment crisis among graduates.
- Advocate for policies that benefit graduates' futures.

Finally, I pledge to work tirelessly to uphold the reputation of the University of Mpumalanga and to enhance the value of our degrees. I firmly believe that our graduates are some of the most talented and capable individuals in the region, and I am proud to be a part of this exceptional community.

I humbly ask for your support. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our graduates



Mbongiseni Thulani Ubisse

I am Mbongiseni Thulani Ubisse, a BSc in Agriculture graduate with Honors in Entomology. My primary goal in becoming an additional member is to unite all alumni of the University of Mpumalanga by creating a platform where we can discuss post-graduation challenges. I aim to advocate for the institution to review and address policies affecting alumni. Additionally, I plan to organize events to keep alumni connected and share their experiences. I will strive to address the graduate crisis and promote the interests of the institution. I kindly request your support and vote for me as your additional member on August 10, 2024.

Convocation Member to Council



Thalente Ndebele

I am pleased to accept my nomination for the Convocation Member to Council. I view this as an opportunity to contribute towards the development of the University of Mpumalanga through ensuring that we strengthen the support for the University Strategic Objectives and Values. Furthermore, to represent the aspirations of the Convocation constituency in the institutional governance structures. Convocation in its own right, has a responsibility to: (a) establish and coordinate beneficial relationships between the University, community and the Convocation Members, (b) communication between former students and the University community, (c) assist in fundraising for various Convocation-related matters including Student Debt, Postgraduate Funding and other opportunities. Additionally, navigating strategic partnerships with the private and public sectors to bridge the post tertiary unemployment gap. These responsibilities will rest on the shoulders of the elected Convocation EXCO working together with the Convocation Member to Council of which I urge you to vote for.



Succeed Nwamba

Vision

- To foster an inclusive academic environment that supports the professional and personal growth of alumni and students.

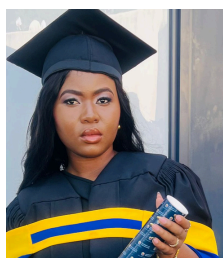
Strategic objectives.

- To enhance alumni engagements by establishing alumni networks that facilitate mentoring, career opportunities and continuous professional opportunities.
- To strengthen university-industry relations by developing partnerships with local and international industries to create internships, employment opportunities for graduates, and easy access to academic funding for students.
- To promote inclusivity and diversity by advocating for policies and programs that support underrepresented groups within the university community.
- To promote research collaborations that address the status quo challenges and enhance the university's impact on society.
- To facilitate access to resources and funding for innovative research projects and academic programs.



Siphesihle Mathews Shabalala

The quality of institutions is dependent on creating progressive policies and translating them into good practice. It is in this manner that in its next decade UMO must seek meaningful inclusion and advancement of its post-graduates as a way of adding value to the institution and advancement of the lives of those it has produced. There is a need to find meaningful way to collaborate in making UMP the best in the country, Africa and the globe. Working together and embracing the firmly laid foundation we can take UMP to greater heights. Let's make education a viable key to success.



Advince Sbekezelo Zitha

As a dedicated alumnus of the University of Mpumalanga, I am honoured to stand for election to the Convocation Executive Committee and as a Convocation Member to Council. My passion for our university and its graduates drives my commitment to fostering a strong and vibrant alumni community. I will work tirelessly to ensure that our alumni network is not only a source of pride but also a valuable resource for professional development, mentorship, and lifelong learning. By creating more opportunities for alumni to connect, share knowledge, and support one another, we can build a stronger, more resilient community that benefits all members. I humbly ask for your support and vote in this election.