

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

(virtual graduation ceremony)

The Chancellor will constitute the Congregation.

The Vice-Chancellor will welcome the Congregation.

The Chancellor will confer degrees and award diplomas *in absentia*.

Vice-Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award
Ms Thina Maqubela

The National Anthem.

The Chancellor will dissolve the Congregation.

INKQUBO

(Uthweso-zidanga lwamajelo asemoyeni)

UNgqonyela umisela iNgqungquthela.

USekelangqonyela wamkela iNgqungquthela.

UNgqonyela unikezela ngezidanga neediploma kubaninizo
abangekhoyo phambi kwakhe.

IMbasa kaSekelangqonyela yoMhlohli ogqwesileyo.

Thina Maqubela

UMhobe weSizwe.

UNgqonyela uvala iNgqungquthela.

VOLGORDE VAN VERRIGTINGE

(virtuele gradeplegtigheid)

Die Kanselier sal die vergadering tot orde roep.

Die Vise-Kanselier sal die vergadering verwelkom.

Die Kanselier sal grade en diplomas *in absentia* toeken.

Vise-Kanselier se Uitnemende Onderrigtoekenning.

Me. Thina Maqubela

Die Volkslied.

Die Kanselier sal die vergadering verdaag.

FACULTY OF COMMERCE

DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

ADAMS, Matthew Leslie, **with distinction in** Information Systems

AMUTHENU, Thomas Tangeni

ANNA, Viwe

APHANE, Praise Thoriso

ASIYA, Khanya

BALES-SMITH, Murray Michael

BANDA, Sikhululwe Sinxolo

BARNABAS, Nobathwa Thoko

BASSON, Robyn Valerie Natasha

BATAYI, Yanga

BAUSE, Caydwen Angeline

BEANGSTROM, Jason Patrick

BENNETT, Wesley John

BETTS, Bradley David

BIRD, Shane Anthony

BLIE, Sandisiwe

BOBO, Nkosinathi

BOOI, Yonela

BOYCE, Thandeka Eleanor

BULO, Anelisiwe

BUNZI, Zukile

CHARUMBIRA, Elizabeth Chiedza, **with distinctions in** Economics
and Management

CHAWIRA, Tatenda Nigel

CHINO GWENYA, Takomboregwa

CHINORWADZA, Nyasha

DAY, Jared Ryan

DIAS, Katia Augusto

DLAMINI, Lulama Ayanda

DYANTYI, Someleze

ELAGO, Jennifer Yambeko Liliputse

FASI, Khanya

FENI, Luxolo

FOGEL, Baruch William
FUMANISA, Lineo Elihle Jewel
GINN, Andrea Linda Van Der Riet, **with distinction in** Legal Theory
GOBOZI, Thozama
GODWIN, Alexander William
GOREKWANG, Relebogile Gaopalelwe Patience
GUMEDE, Lwazi Tsakile
GUMEDE, Sinegugu Nozipho
HAIMBODI, David Lihongeni Nghidimbwashali
HAWU, Nomandla Nwabisa
HAYDEN, Timothy William
IILEKA, Vanessa Ndeshiningilwa Mwadhina
JACKSON, David Brian Neville, **with distinction in** Economics
JAGWER, Arthur Gregory
KGWELE, Kaelo
KHAN, Salmaan Ashmat
KHATYWA, Nolwazi
KHOSA, Shanti
KHUMALO, Amanda
KHUMALO, Siyabonga
KOITSIWE, Keitumetse Manas
KUBAYI, Lungelo Patient
LAMBANE, Andrew Clement, **with distinction in** Accounting
LEBENYA, Thapelo
LESO, Raisibe Dorcas
MABANDLA, Zizipho
MABASO, Phumelele Nomasonto, **with distinction in** Accounting
MABENA, Nomzamo
MABOKE, Mashoto Albertina, **with distinction in** Accounting
MACHIWENYIKA, Tinashe Duncan
MACKADE, Mongezi Leighton
MAFANYA, Siphamandla
MAFURA, Masimba
MAGAVU, Njinga
MAGAZI, Vuyelwa Sisonke
MAGWA, Sivuyisiwe
MAHLASELA, Izibele

MAHOLWANA, Venezia Wanele
MAKHANYA, Nkonzenhle Luthando
MAKHWAZA, Ayanda Masego
MAKONZA, Khanya
MALEME, Lesedi
MALINGA, Khethiwe Nokuthula
MALINGA, Thembelihle Lindubuhle
MAPAQA, Lindokuhle, **with distinctions in Accounting and Taxation**
MAPHOTO, Chuene Melita
MASEHELA, Thabo Benny
MASHEGO, Dineo Clementine
MASIPA, Leratokwena
MASUKU, Siyabonga Zithulele
MATAPURI, Dexter Tinotenda Kushinga, **with distinctions
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MATHANGENI, Sinalo
MATHEBULA, Lungelo Victoria
MATI, Kutlwano Rorisang
MATJILA, Malebo Tinyeko
MBALI, Luthando Lwazi
MBAMBO, Lethukuthula
MBANE, Aphenkulwe
MBI, Siphesihle
MBOKANE, Dumsani Daniel
MBOKAZI, Ntokozo Wandile
MCALPINE, James Andrew
MCHUNU, Nokukhanya Ayanda
MDHLULI, Nontuthuko Mantombi
MDLULI, Zanele Valerie
MDUNANA, Busisiwe
MEHLO, Nandipha
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MEKENI, Luvo Ben
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MGENI, Joseph Siviwe
MGOQI, Hlumisa, **with distinction in Economics**
MJULENI, Sandisiwe

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MOHLALA, Neo Hope
MOKWELE, Kwena
MOLEFE, Mathuto Sethabile
MOLEMA, Baoji Ruth Clementine
MOLETSANE, Lebogang
MOOI, Sihle
MOTHA, Babongile Carol
MOTHA, Dizaya Thandazile
MOTLOUNG, Anele
MPAMA, Siyamkela
MTHEMBU, Fezile Buyisiwe
MTHOMBENI, Thulani Solomon Xolani
MTOTOBA, Ntlelo
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NCONGWANE, Mokhethi John
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NCULA, Zintombi Samantha

NDINDWA, Anathi Sanelisiwe
NDLOVU, Clyde Sibusiso
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NGALONKULU, Sihle Sinegugu
NGAMNTWINI, Asisipho
NGOBENI, Sherly Gracious
NGQEME, Thandiwe Precious
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NGUBO, Sanele
NGUBO, Siyasanga
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NYUNDU, Khanyisile Faith
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PASIWE, Anathi
PHALA, Kgetjepe William
PONCO, Lusanda
PYLE, Michael Jonathan
QHUBANI, Ayabonga
RADEBE, Makhoroane Keamogetsoe
RADEBE, Senzo Bhungane
RAMADISHA, Raesibe Maggie
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ROEBER, Christine
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SHABANGU, Palesa Adahlia, **with distinction in Economics**

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DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ECONOMICS

BATYI, Ayanda
DIALE, Rapula Comfort Perfect
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MBINGO, Sabusiswa Delisa
MOKONYAMA, Raesibe Lerato
MUDAU, Thanyani Tony
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MURIITHI, Jemimah Kageni
NDZABUKELWAKO, Malwande Sthandiwe
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SIKOE, Oratile
SITONGA, Thalitha
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DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF BUSINESS SCIENCE

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POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ENTERPRISE MANAGEMENT

AZAGLO, Richard Senyo Yao
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GOVA, Khanyisa
JACOBS, Lauren Leigh
KHALIL, Ahmed Ibrahim
KHANYILE, Mandisa Nomonde Nonhle
KITI, Lusanda
KUBASHE, Zoleka
LEVE, Sinethemba
LIKAKU, Timothy Finley
LISA, Athulile
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MASEKO, Mlungisi Inocent
MAYASE, Patrick
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MNGAZA, Bongani
MOJAKHOMO, Liteboho Gloria
MOKGOSI, Jessica Ame Tsetsa
MONNAPULA, Boitumelo Treasure Thabo
MTHOMBENI, Seyijeni Koos
MTINTSILANA, Kwakanya
MTSHAZI, Ngubenyathi Wilberforce
NKONKI, Sisonke
NYANGIWE, Nomhle Tiny
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RAMASELELE, Malesela Pertunia
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ROJI, Khanyisa
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YAWA, Nomathamsanqa Pauline
ZULU, Langazelwe Ziphoziphelele
ZUMA, Zuziwe Zakhokuhle

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS ANALYSIS

BOPOTO, Tinashe David
DIKOTLA, Pholosho Makgoshi Mokgadi Ramagalane
GIDANA, Arthur Bubele
JALI, Sibusiso

JANE, Thapelo Andreas, **with distinction**
MHLOM, Vanessa Sibongile, **with distinction**
MOLATLHEGI, Tebogo Palesa
MTEMBU, Siyabulela
NCAZA, Gcobisa Confidence
NDLOVU, Wenzile Gideon
NQOLO, Lithalethu Haile
PARRYMORE, Craig Bradley
SESEANE, Tumelo Shawn
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DEGREE OF MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

BAKER, Nadia Samantha, in Business Administration, in the Rhodes Business School. Degree by coursework and thesis. Thesis: Social Media Big Data: A Diary Study of Ten Pharmaceutical Firms.

BALOYI, Glenda, BScHons (UNISA), in Business Administration, in the Rhodes Business School. Degree by coursework and thesis. Thesis: The benefits and challenges of implementing the Equator Principles: The Case of Four Large Banks in South Africa, through the eyes of the Project Finance Teams.

BLIGNAUT, Anna Cornelia, BScHons (NWU), in Business Administration, in the Rhodes Business School. Degree by coursework and thesis. Thesis: An analysis of indicators disclosed in the Integrated Annual Reports of selected South African retailers.

CHAKONZA, Hawkins, Dip (Marketing Management), Dip (Purchasing and Materials Management) (IAC), in Business Administration, in the Rhodes Business School. Degree by coursework and thesis. Thesis: Evaluation of the role of ethical leadership development on organisational performance: The case of Econet wireless Zimbabwe.

DHOBHA, Howard, BScHons (Zimbabwe), in Business Administration, in the Rhodes Business School. Degree by coursework

and thesis. Thesis: Developing an organisational culture in support of organisational capacity for change: The case of a South African bank.

FERREIRA, Anton William, MSc (Stell) in Business Administration, in the Rhodes Business School. Degree by coursework and thesis. Thesis: An evaluation of social sustainability practices in an agro-based private company in the Eastern Cape.

FLEMING, Linda Margaret, BComHons (UNISA), in Business Administration, in the Rhodes Business School. Degree by coursework and thesis. Thesis: An analysis of the public reporting of organisational resilience found within the integrated reports of a large state-owned enterprise.

GUDU, Daniel, in Business Administration, in the Rhodes Business School. Degree by coursework and thesis. Thesis: A comparative analysis of social media brand image of insurance companies in South Africa: A longitudinal study.

KAWANA, Susan Mulemwa, PGDip (Business Administration), BTech (Business Administration) (Polytechnic of Namibia), in Business Administration, in the Rhodes Business School. Degree by coursework and thesis. Thesis: An exploration of organizational expectations of different generations of employees during change.

MBATHA, Erica Isabel Tavares Da Silva, MSc (Rhodes), in Business Administration, in the Rhodes Business School. Degree by coursework and thesis. Thesis: The effects of education on economic growth and global competitiveness: A statistical approach.

MNQETA, Lusanda, PGDip (Enterprise Management) (Rhodes), in Business Administration, in the Rhodes Business School. Degree by coursework and thesis. Thesis: Social media and brand image: A longitudinal study of Eastern Cape universities.

MTSHALI, Sibusiso, BScHons (UJ), in Business Administration, in the Rhodes Business School. Degree by coursework and thesis. Thesis:

Evaluating staff experiences of human resource processes and the effect this has on strategy implementation in a PPP hospital in the Eastern Cape Province of South Africa.

NKOSIMBINI, Aphiwe, BCom, LLB (Rhodes), in Business Administration, in the Rhodes Business School. Degree by coursework and thesis. Thesis: Exploring situational leadership as a key competence in driving the implementation of the Integrated Development Plan of a South African municipality.

PILLAY, Sylvester, PGDip (Enterprise Management) (Rhodes), in Business Administration, in the Rhodes Business School. Degree by coursework and thesis. Thesis: The impact of the Dieselgate scandal on the customer equity in the South African automotive industry.

SAKUBA, Siyasanga, BCom (UNISA), in Business Administration, in the Rhodes Business School. Degree by coursework and thesis. Thesis: An investigation of the internal challenges that hinder sustainability of the Furntech Nyanga incubates.

SHIIMI, Victoria, PGDip (Business Administration) (UNAM), in Business Administration, in the Rhodes Business School. Degree by coursework and thesis. Thesis: An exploratory study UNAM's opportunities of being an entrepreneurial University.

ZOZI, Vuyokazi, PGDip (Enterprise Management) (Rhodes), in Business Administration, in the Rhodes Business School. Degree by coursework and thesis. Thesis: A case study of how leaders shaped the culture of an organisation during a merger.

DEGREE OF MASTER OF COMMERCE

CHIBUTA, Chisengele, BComHons (Rhodes), in Economics, in the Department of Economics and Economic History. Degree by thesis. Thesis: The current nature of intra-regional trade in the proposed tripartite free trade area.

CHONZI, Tendai Day, BEcoHons (Rhodes), in Financial Markets, in the Department of Economics and Economic History. Degree by coursework and thesis. Thesis: The value of economic capital as an indicator to protected prospective and existing ordinary shareholders.

COOK, Jenna, BBS (Rhodes), in Financial Markets, **with distinction**, in the Department of Economics and Economic History. Degree by coursework and thesis. Thesis: The predictive ability of the yield spread in timing the stock exchange: A South African case.

DE PONTE, Celeste Lidia, LLB (UKZN), in Taxation, in the Department of Accounting. Degree by coursework and thesis. Thesis: An investigation into the tax consequences for individuals performing work abroad.

ELS, Tania, BComptHons (UNISA), in Taxation, in the Department of Accounting. Degree by coursework and thesis. Thesis: An historical analysis of the development of a company as a single enterprise and the impact on group company taxation.

HAAKETA, Bernadette Tina, PGDip (Enterprise Management), BComHons (Rhodes), in Economics, in the Department of Economics and Economics History. Degree by thesis. Thesis: A Veblenian dichotomy re-examination of labour brokerage and South African Labour Market functionality.

HOFISI, Tinashe Stanford, BComHons (UFS), in Financial Markets, in the Department of Economics and Economic History. Degree by coursework and thesis. Thesis: Sectoral Integration and Portfolio Diversification Benefits: A Business Cycle Examination of South African Equity Sectors.

MAHLABA, Asande Cikizwa, BComHons (Rhodes), in Financial Markets, in the Department of Economics and Economic History. Degree by coursework and thesis. Thesis: The primacy of illicit financial flows (IFFS) in developing countries: a comparative study analysis of South Africa and China.

MALULEKE, Mary, BComHons (Rhodes), in Economics, in the Department of Economics and Economic History. Degree by thesis. Thesis: Economic evaluation of chemical and biological control on four aquatic weeds in South Africa.

MAPANDA, Tungamirai Chisvuvu, BComHons (UKZN), in Financial Markets, in the Department of Economics and Economic History. Degree by coursework and thesis. Thesis: Analysis of the relationship between changes in macroeconomic variables and various sector price indices of the JSE.

MATSHEGO, Katlego, PGDipAcc (UNISA), in Taxation, in the Department of Accounting. Degree by coursework and thesis. Thesis: The South African income tax implications of a Stokvel.

MOTHIBA, Boitumelo Charity, BComHons (UJ), in Taxation, in the Department of Accounting. Degree by coursework and thesis. Thesis: A comparative analysis with selected jurisdictions of challenges facing the South African Office of the Tax Ombud.

MUDZAMBA, Ronald Ratidzo, BScHons (Rhodes), in Information Systems, **with distinction**, in the Department of Information Systems. Degree by thesis. Thesis: A Cloud adoption framework for South African SMEs.

NATHOO, Dina, BComHons (Rhodes), in Information Systems, in the Department of Information Systems. Degree by thesis. Thesis: Guidelines for the User Interface Design of Electronic Medical Records in Optometry.

NYOPA, Tsepo, BComHons (UCT), in Financial Markets, **with distinction**, in the Department of Economics and Economic History. Degree by coursework and thesis. Thesis: Volatility spillovers and determinants of contagion: a case of BRICS equity and foreign exchange markets.

OKEJA, Ogechukwu Donatu, BSc (Kogi State), in Financial Management, **with distinction**, in the Department of Management. Degree by thesis. Thesis: The effect of company brand on the investment decisions of individual investors as mediated by behavioural finance biases in Nigeria.

RAMULONGO, Mulweli, BComHons (Rhodes), in Financial Markets, in the Department of Economics and Economic History. Degree by coursework and thesis. Thesis: Market timing and portfolio returns: an empirical analysis of the potential profitability of buy-sell strategies, based on South African equities, 2009-2018.

REDDY JANKEEPSAD, Thanasha, BComHons (UKZN), in Taxation, in the Department of Accounting. Degree by coursework and thesis. Thesis: Perceptions of the Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax in South Africa: a comparative study.

SHAMA, Natalie Anne, BA, LLB (Rhodes), in Taxation, **with distinction**, in the Department of Accounting. Degree by coursework and thesis. Thesis: Statutory mergers as contemplated in the Companies Act, 2008: The applicability of the corporate rules contained in section 44 of the Income Tax Act, 1962.

TILBURY, Jack Laurie, BBS (Rhodes), in Information Systems, in the Department of Information Systems. Degree by thesis. Thesis: A Business Process Model for Blockchain-based South African Real Estate Transactions.

DEGREE OF MASTER OF ECONOMICS

DANCKWERTS, Lindsay Alice Diana, BBusSci (UCT), in Economics, in the Department of Economics and Economic History. Degree by thesis. Thesis: Water footprint and economic water productivity of primary citrus production: A comparison across three river valleys in the Eastern Cape Midlands.

DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

BHANA, Bhaveer, MCom (Fort Hare), in Information Systems, in the Department of Information Systems. Degree by thesis. Thesis: Passphrase and Keystroke Dynamics Authentication: Security and Usability. Supervisor: Professor S Flowerday.

CARY, Cynthia Bolen, MBA (Midwestern State University), in Accounting, in the Department of Accounting. Degree by thesis. Thesis: An investigation into the nature and adequacy of tax compliance tools available to assist small businesses in the State of Oklahoma in the United States of America. Supervisor: Professor E Stack. Co-supervisor: Professor J Arendse.

VAN DER SCHYFF, Karl Izak, MSc (Rhodes), in Information Systems, in the Department of Information Systems. Degree by thesis. Thesis: A Personality-based Surveillance Model for Facebook Apps. Supervisor: Professor S Flowerday.

What is graduation?

Graduation is a time of enormous celebration for students and their families. It is a time to revel in a sense of achievement, to take photographs and store memories, to applaud and, of course, to dress up with the dignity that the ceremony deserves.

Graduating students traditionally wear an academic gown that marks them as 'special' and different to others attending the ceremonies. They walk across the stage, kneel before the Chancellor, who then taps them on the head with a ceremonial hat, before proceeding to the Registrar who 'hoods' them according to the degree they have earned.

For many attending the graduation ceremonies, a key question is what all this ceremony and procedure, much of which originated in Europe hundreds of years ago, actually mean in contemporary South Africa. One way to answer this question is to focus on the graduates themselves. As students walk across the stage today, they are not the same people they were who enrolled in the University three, four or more years ago. If the University has done its job well, they are completely different people.

The graduate looks at the world with an entirely different set of eyes. They now look for evidence for what is stated and to contest anything that does not appear to them to be valid or fair on the basis of the evidence presented.

At a university like Rhodes, graduates have also been trained to look through the lenses of theory. Theory is exactly like the lenses in a pair of spectacles. It allows us to see things we would not see without the spectacles, or to see things differently. Because theory allows us to see things we would not normally see, it allows us to imagine a world which does not yet exist, a world transformed from the one we currently inhabit. These are valuable attributes in the workplace and this is why graduates are highly sought after. They are especially important, however, in a fledgling democracy like ours.

As graduates walk across the stage today and participate in rituals which do not have their roots in African soil, one way to understand the proceedings is to see them as signifying an identity shift. Much as the way young men in some cultures, for example, may wear new clothes after an initiation ceremony, the wearing of an academic gown symbolises a shift in who the graduates have become. This shift is recognised by the Chancellor who taps them on the head and by the Registrar who places the hood over their shoulders. The Deans, academics, together with the entire University community, look on - celebrating and acknowledging our students' achievements.

Enjoy the ceremony today, but, more importantly, remember its significance in the lives of our young graduates and, indeed, in the history of our country.

Amended: A contribution by Dr Chrissie Boughey – Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic and Student Affairs - Rhodes University.

Yintoni uthweso-zidanga?

Uthweso-zidanga lixesha lobhiyozo elikhulu kubafundi neentsapho zabo. Lixesha lokugcoloda nokuchulumancela impumelelo, ukuthatha imifanekiso nokugcina iinkumbulo, ukuqhwabela izandla, yaye ngokuqinisekileyo, lixesha lokunxiba ngesizotha esifanele lo mnyhadala.

Kulisiko ukuba abafundi abathweswa izidanga banxibe izidanga zabo ezibaphawula ‘njengabakhethekileyo’ nabohlukileyo kwabanye abantu abazimase umnyhadala. Bahamba eqongeni, baguqe phambi kweNgqonyela, iye ibathwese indwe, phambi kokuba badlulele kuMabhalane-jikelele weYunivesithi oye ‘abafake umxwayo’, ohambelana nesidanga abasithwesiweyo.

Kuninzi lwabo bazimase iminyhadala yothweso-zidanga, umbuzo ophambili ngowokuba lo mnyhadala, inkoliso yawo esusela eYurophu kumakhulu ngamakhulu eminyaka eyadlulayo, ingaba uthetha ntoni kuMzantsi Afrika wale mihla. Enye indlela yokuphendula lo mbuzo kukugxila kwabathweswa izidanga. Njengoko abafundi behamba kwinqonga namhlanje, abasengabo aba bantu babengabo mhla babebhalisela ukufunda kule Yunivesithi kwiminyaka emithathu, emine okanye engaphezulu eyadlulayo. Ukuba iYunivesithi iwenze ngokuphume izandla umsebenzi wayo, bangabantu abohlukileyo kwaphela.

Lowo uthweswa isidanga ulibona ihlabathi ngamehlo ohlukileyo. Ngoku ukhangelela ubungqina boko kuthethwayo aze aphikise nayiphi na into ebonakala ingenasihlahla kuye okanye enetyheneba ngokuphathelele kubungqina obunikezelweyo.

Kwiyunivesithi efana neRhodes, abo bathweswa izidanga bakwaqeqeshwe ukuba bajonge izinto ngamehlo enkcazo-bungcali(theory). Inkcazo-bungcali ifana nqwa neelensi kwiintanyongo. Isinceda ukuba sibone izinto ebesingenakho ukukwazi ukuzibona ngaphandle kweentanyongo, okanye sibone izinto ngendlela eyahlukileyo. Kuba inkcazo-bungcali isincedisa ukuba sibone izinto ebesingenakho ukukwazi ukuzibona, isinceda ukuba sibe nomfanekiso-ngqondweni wehlabathi elingekabikho, ihlabathi eliguquke kakhulu kwelo siphila kulo ngoku. Ezi zizidingo ezixabisekileyo kwindawo yokuxelengela yaye kungoko abo bathweswa izidanga belangazelelwa. Babaluleke ngokukhethekileyo, ingakumbi kulawulo lwentando yesininzi efana neyethu esakhulayo.

Njengoko abo bathweswa izidanga behamba kwinqonga namhlanje yaye bethatha inxaxheba kwizithethe ezingenangcambu ezikumhlaba waseAfrika, enye yeendlela zokubona ukuqhutywa kwalo mnyhadala kukubonisa inguqu ngokobuni. Oku kuyafana nokuba kwezinye iinkcubeko, umzekelo, amatyendyana anganxiba iimpahla ezintsha emva kolwaluko. Ukunxitywa kwesidanga kuphawula inguqu ekubeni lowo uthweswa isidanga uye abe ngubani na. Le nguqu iye iqinisekiswe yiNgqonyela eye ibabethe entloko noMabhala-jikelele weYunivesithi oye abaxakathise. Iintloko zamasebe, iimfundimanekunye nalo lonke uluntu lweYunivesithi, bayabukela – bebhiyozela bekwaqaphela impumelelo yabafundi bethu.

Yonwabela umnyhadala namhlanje, kodwa ngokubaluleke ngakumbi, khumbula ukubaluleka kwawo kumlisela nomthinjana wethu othweswa izidanga, yaye nangokwenene, ukubaluleka kwawo kwimbali yelizwe lethu.

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Wat is 'n gradeplegtigheid?

'n Gradeplegtigheid is 'n tyd van feesvieringe vir studente en hulle families. Dit is 'n tyd waarin prestasie gevier, foto's geneem en herinneringe gemaak word. Dis 'n tyd vir applous en natuurlik om aan te trek na gelang van die waardigheid wat die seremonie verdien.

Studente wat gradueer dra tradisioneel 'n akademiese toga wat hulle uitwys as 'spesiaal' en anders as ander mense wat die seremonie bywoon. Hulle loop oor die verhoog, kniel voor die Kanselier, wat hulle dan met 'n seremoniële hoed op die kop tik voor hulle aanbeweeg na die Registrateur wat vir hulle 'n 'kap opsit' volgens die graad wat hulle verwerf het.

Vir baie mense wat die gradeplegtigheid bywoon, is daar 'n sleutelvraag rondom wat al hierdie seremonie en prosedures, waarvan die oorsprong honderde jare gelede meerendeels in Europa ontstaan het, in kontemporêre Suid-Afrika sou beteken. Een manier om die vraag te beantwoord is om te fokus op die gegradueerde self. Soos studente vandag oor die verhoog stap, is hulle nie dieselfde mense wat drie of vier jaar gelede by die Universiteit ingeskryf het nie. As die Universiteit hulle werk goed gedoen het, is hulle geheel en al ander mense.

Die gegradueerde kyk met 'n nuwe paar oë na die wêreld. Hulle soek nou vir bewyse vir dit wat gestel word en bestry enige iets wat nie vir hulle geldig of regverdigbaar is volgens die bewyse wat aangebied word nie.

By 'n universiteit soos Rhodes, is gegradueerdes ook opgelei om deur die lens van teorie te kyk. Teorie werk presies soos die lense van 'n bril. Dit skep die geleentheid om dinge te sien wat ons nie sonder die bril sou kon sien nie; of om dinge anders te sien. Aangesien teorie ons die kans gun om dinge te sien wat ons andersins nie sou kon sien nie, gee dit ons ook die geleentheid om 'n wêreld te verbeeld wat nog nie bestaan nie, 'n wêreld wat getransformeer het van die een waarin ons op die oomblik woon. Dit is waardevolle eienskappe in die werkplek en dit is waarom gegradueerdes gesog is. Hulle is veral belangrik in 'n jong demokrasie soos ons eie.

Soos wat gegradueerdes vandag oor die verhoog stap en deelneem aan rituele wat nie hulle wortels in Afrika-grond het nie, is een manier om hierdie verrigtinge te begryp om dit te sien as 'n verskuiwing in identiteit. Op dieselfde manier waarop jong mans in sommige kulture nuwe klere ná 'n inisiasie-seremonie sou dra, simboliseer die dra van 'n toga 'n verskuiwing in die persoon wat die gegradueerde nou geword het. Hierdie verskuiwing word erken deur die Kanselier wat hulle op die kop tik en die Registrateur wat die kap oor hulle skouers plaas. Die Dekane en akademici, saam met die hele Universiteitsgemeenskap, aanskou dit – ter viering en erkenning van ons studente se prestasies.

Geniet vandag se seremonie, maar – belangriker nog – erken die uitsonderlike belang daarvan in die lewens van ons jong gegradueerdes en, inderdaad, in die geskiedenis van ons land.

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