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Dear Rhodes University Graduand

On behalf of the Chancellor, the Honourable Justice Mbuyiseli Madlanga, the University Council, and the entire Rhodes University community, it is my privilege, as Interim Registrar, to extend my heartfelt congratulations to each of you on the successful completion of your studies. Graduation marks not only the culmination of years of dedication, discipline, and perseverance, but also your formal entry into a community of alumni whose achievements continue to shape society in meaningful ways.

The University Graduation Ceremonies will be held at the 1820 Settlers' National Monument from Wednesday, 25 March to Friday, 27 March 2026 for all qualifying graduates. All the information pertaining to graduation is available at <https://www.ru.ac.za/graduationgateway/> and in the Graduation Information Booklet available at [https://www.ru.ac.za/media/rhodesuniversity/content/graduationgateway/documents/Graduation Information Booklet - March 2026.pdf](https://www.ru.ac.za/media/rhodesuniversity/content/graduationgateway/documents/Graduation_Information_Booklet_-_March_2026.pdf)

Your academic journey has required commitment, resilience, and intellectual growth. You have met rigorous academic standards and fulfilled the requirements of your respective qualifications with integrity and determination. Today, Rhodes University formally recognises your accomplishment and confers upon you the status of a graduand of this University.

While today celebrates achievement, it also signals responsibility. You now carry the reputation of your alma mater into professional, civic, and global spaces. May you uphold the highest ethical standards, contribute thoughtfully to your disciplines, and remain committed to lifelong learning.

On behalf of the University, congratulations to you and your families, friends, partners, teachers and mentors, whose support has been integral to your success. We are proud of your accomplishments and look forward to witnessing the impact you will make in your profession, your community, and beyond.

On another note, please note the following important details regarding the arrangements:

Graduands **attending** are required to RSVP, by responding to the online graduation reply card at <https://ross.ru.ac.za>. If you no longer have access to ROSS, please complete and return a paper copy reply card to registrar@ru.ac.za, which can be downloaded from the Rhodes University website at: [https://www.ru.ac.za/media/rhodesuniversity/content/graduationgateway/documents/Reply Card - March 2026.pdf](https://www.ru.ac.za/media/rhodesuniversity/content/graduationgateway/documents/Reply_Card_-_March_2026.pdf)

Graduation **tickets** must be collected in person, either at the Student Bureau (Eden Grove Building) during office hours (09:00 – 16:00) from **Tuesday, 24 March 2026** or at the Monument Box Office, 1 hour before each ceremony. Please present a valid ID (student card, identity document, or passport) when collecting your tickets.

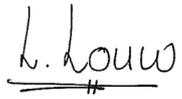
The **celebratory event** will be held at St. Peter's Lawns beginning at 16:30 after the last ceremony each day. To be permitted entry, you and your guests must produce the tickets as received. **Please note that graduands must wear academic dress.**

Please visit www.ru.ac.za/alumni to update your contact details or email alumni@ru.ac.za to stay connected with the **Alumni Relations Office** and receive invitations to reunions and other key affinity events, as well as important updates from the University.

As a valued alumnus, you are also invited to consider financially support academically deserving students through the 10-year-old Isivivane fundraising campaign. Contributions may be made by clicking on the following link: <https://www.ru.ac.za/donate>

We wish you continued success in all your future endeavours and look forward to meeting you at the ceremony.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L. Louw". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Lynette Louw
Interim Registrar, Rhodes University