

Welcome to the first edition of our quarterly newsletter, | gamirodi!khaes ('Place of the stars'), for 2024. For those who are new to our campus, |gamirodi!khaes is what the indigenous peoples (the Khoi and San) named this area that we now call Observatory. It was an expression of reverance for the magnificent vista of the stars at night as well as for their spiritual connection with their ancestors. We in the Faculty also find new meaning in being part of this place as we celebrate our far-reaching contributions in the service of health.

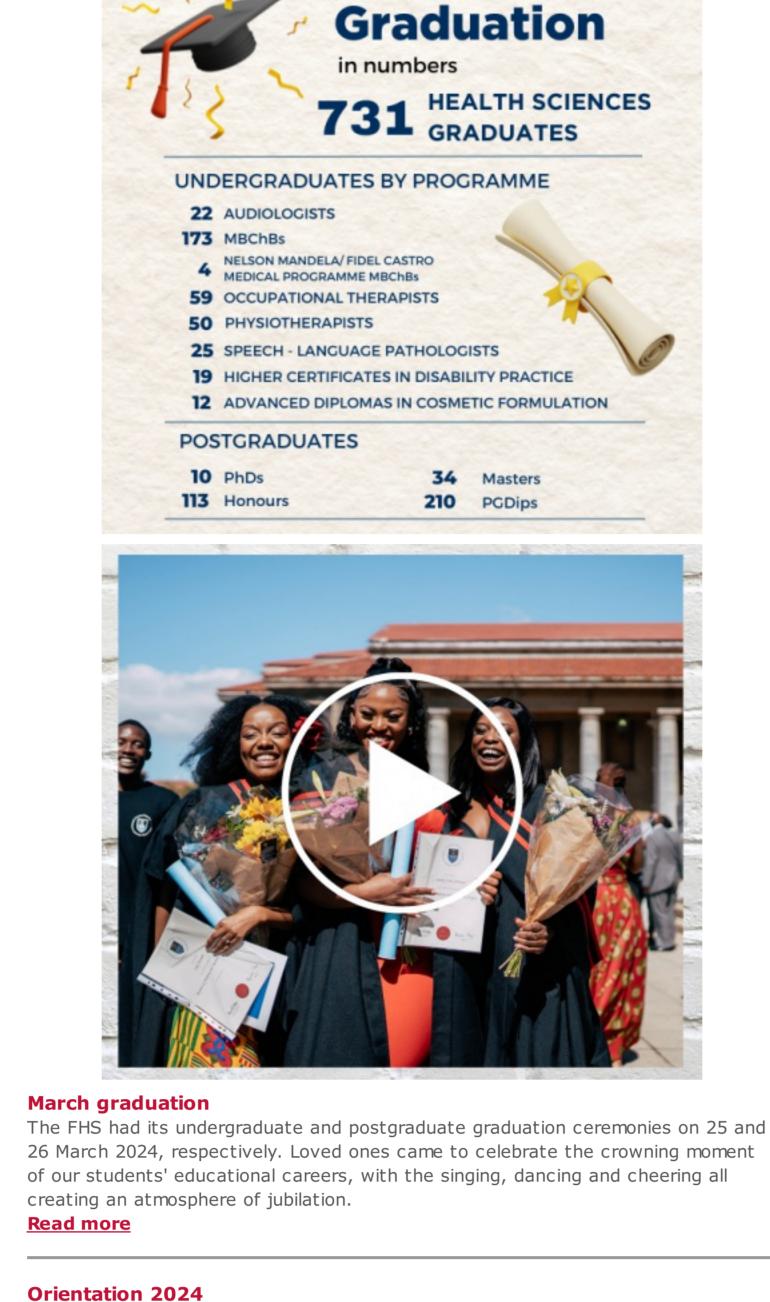
It is our pleasure to share Faculty developments and staff and student achievements from December 2023 to April 2024 in this edition.

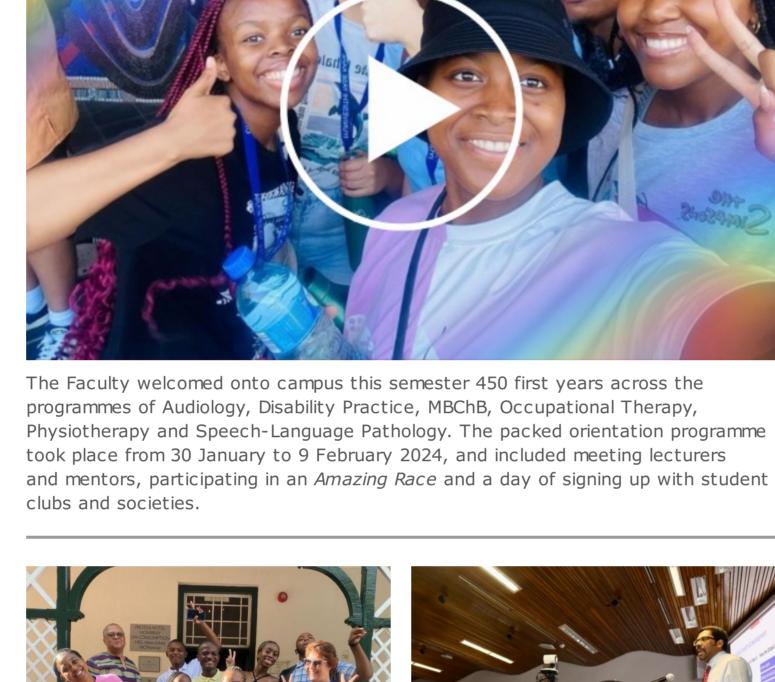
We continue looking forward to your feedback and suggestions for improving this newsletter. A special thank you to everyone willing to share their stories and photos with us. We particularly encourage professional, administrative support and service (PASS) staff to also share their contributions. We hope you all enjoy reading this issue and feel inspired by the rich stories

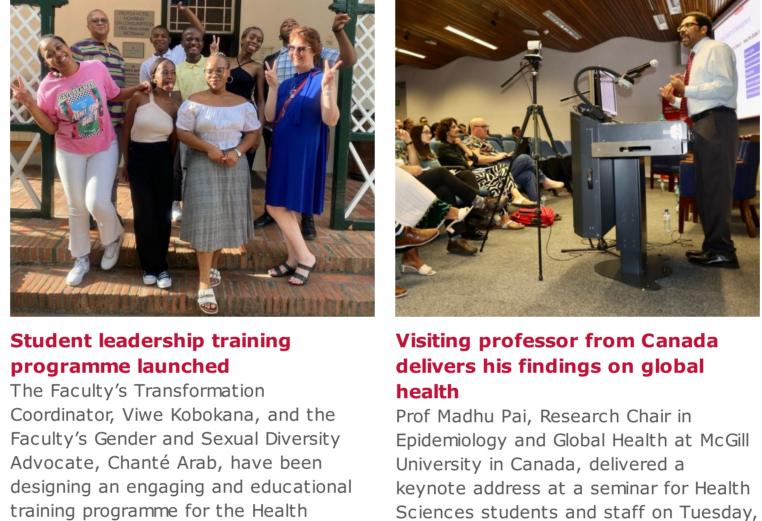
**Faculty News** 

**March 2024** 

that continue to make our Faculty of Health Sciences shine.







**UCT INAUGURAL** LECTURE SERIES

Sciences Student Council (HSSC)

saw their work come to fruition by

contextualising diversity, equity,

inclusion and belonging.

**Inaugural lectures** 

March 2024.

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over the past year. On the weekend of

26-28 January 2024, Viwe and Chanté



12 December 2023. The talk was titled

"Can we achieve equity in global health

research and education?"

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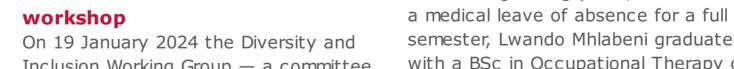


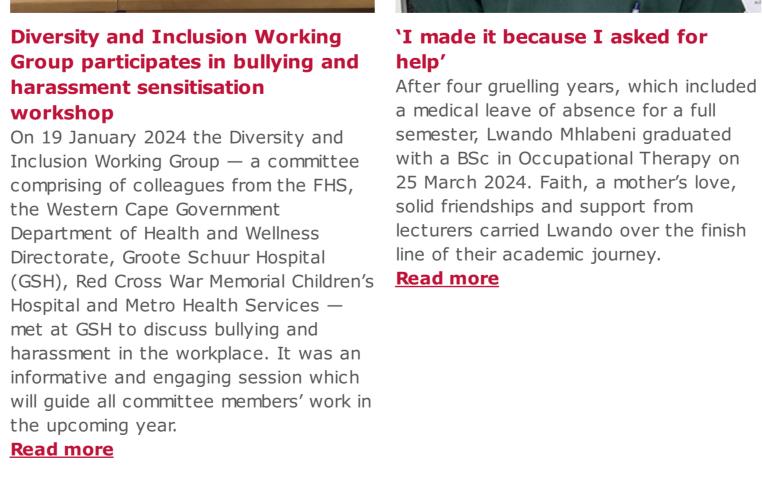
The Faculty hosted the first two UCT inaugural lectures for 2024. Prof Lebogang Ramma, from the Division of Communication Sciences and Disorders, delivered his

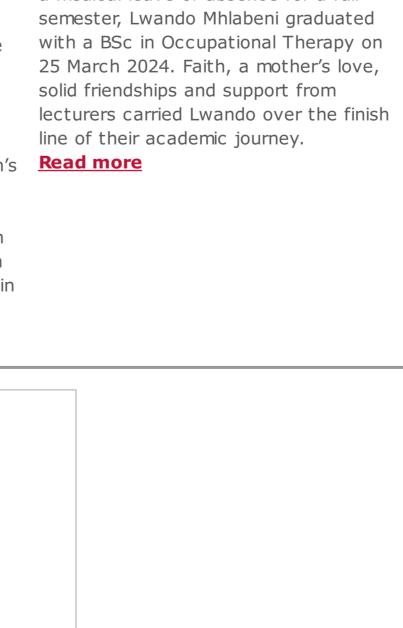
Department: School of Public Health, presented her research on health equity on 14

findings on hearing loss on 1 February 2024. Prof Susan Cleary, Head of

Both these inaugural lectures are available to watch on **UCT FHS YouTube.** 







**18th World Congress of** Class of 1974 marks 50 years **Neurosurgery held in the Mother** On 19 February 2024, 42 people City attended the MBChB Class of 1974's 50th reunion. It was an afternoon of From 4 to 8 December 2023, Cape Town pulled a crowd of 2 000+ delegates to reconnecting with classmates and the International Neurosurgery Congress several had journeyed thousands of

occasion.

**UCT holds fourth iteration of Bongani Mayosi Memorial Lecture** 

science, entrepreneurship, and community for healthcare advancement."

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UCT, in partnership with the Bongani Mayosi Foundation, hosted the fourth annual Bongani Mayosi Memorial Lecture on 26 January 2024. Dr Vuyane Mhlomi, a UCT MBChB alumnus, delivered the lecture, titled "Innovating on solid ground – bridging



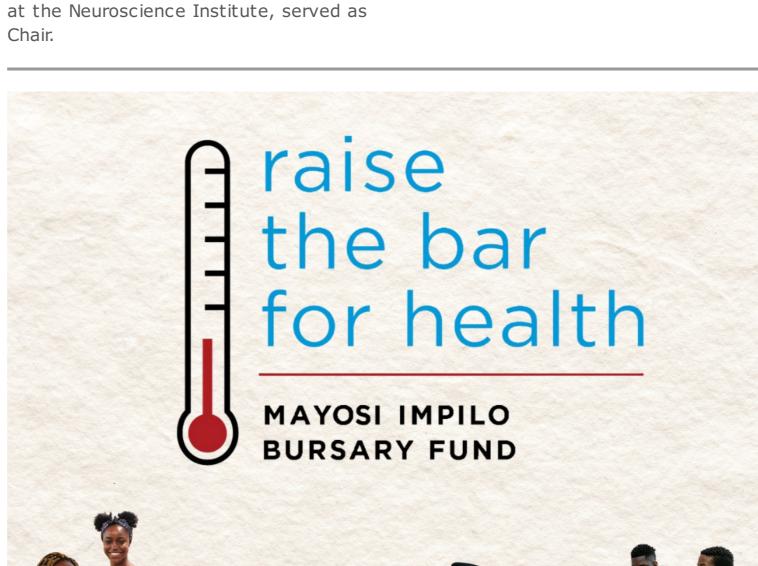
Call to support our students with debt relief

at the Cape Town International

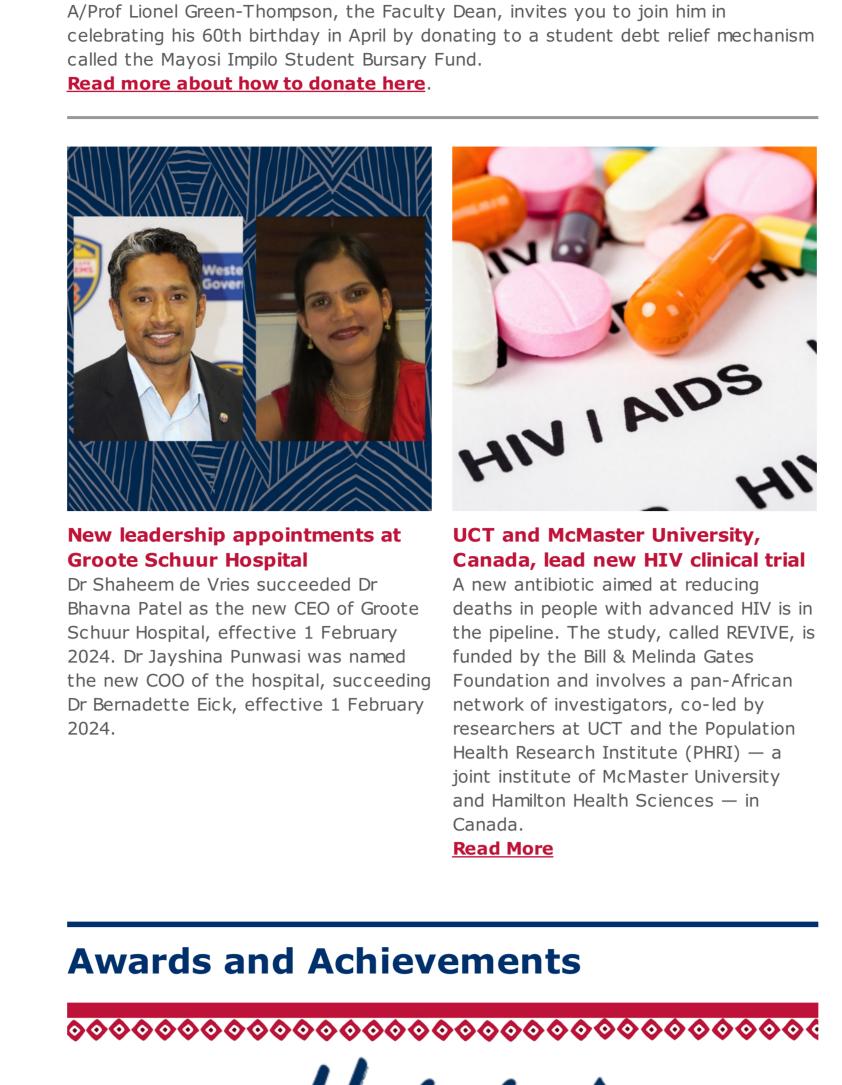
Prof Graham Fiegen, Head of

Convention Centre. The Faculty's

Neurosurgery, hosted the conference and Prof Anthony Figaji, Platforms Lead



kilometres to Cape Town for this special



Dr Kerrin Begg appointed for a

term to the Health Professions

Dean: Undergraduate Education, was

appointed for a term to the Medical and

Dental Board of the Health Professions

Council of South Africa. Her tenure is

from 1 February 2024 to 31 October

**Council of South Africa** 

**Dr Kerrin Begg**, Deputy

2025.

global award

A/Prof Suraj Parihar, Department of

of Infectious Disease and Molecular

Medicine (IDM), earned a National

Leader Award to build capacity in

Institutes of Health Emerging Global

**Three Faculty of Health Sciences** 

Ms Sumaya Gabriels was

named Head of

Ms Isa Makoka was appointed as Undergraduate

Academic Admissions Manager, effective 1 April 2024.

Pathology and a member of the Institute

## **Professor receives prestigious Bongani Mayosi Academic**

**Leadership Award winner 2023** 

**Dr Vuthlarhi Shirindza**, a 2023 MBChB

the Bongani Mayosi Leadership Prize for

students who embody the late Professor

Bongani Mayosi's values of altruism and

**Dr Sabelo Hadebe earns Rising** 

graduate, was named UCT's winner of

2023. The prize honours medical

**Prof Ntobeko Ntusi named new President and CEO of the South** 

**African Medical Research Council** 

Prof Ntobeko Ntusi, Chair and Head of

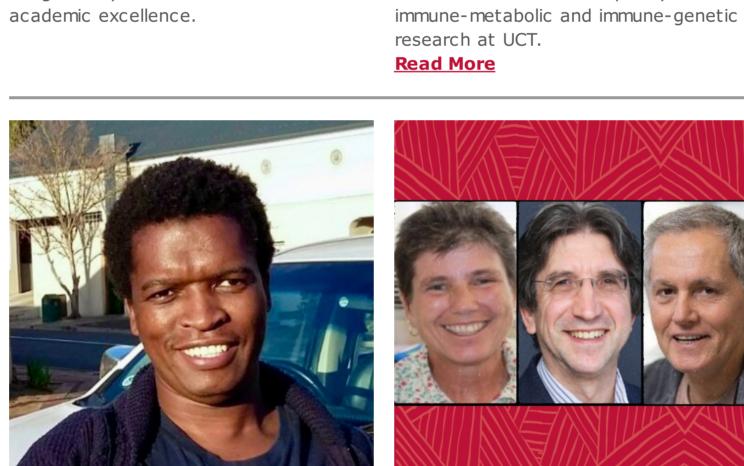
appointed as the new President and CEO

of the South African Medical Research

the Department of Medicine, was

Council, effective 1 July 2024.

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## Head of Department: Division: Interdisciplinary Division: Disability Studies in the Department Radiation Medicine, Palliative Care and of Health and effective **1 January** Medicine in the 2024. Department of Family, Rehabilitation Sciences, Read more Community and effective **1 February** Emergency Care (FaCE), 2024. effective **1 January** 2024.

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A/Prof Rene Krause was

Congratulations on the following appointments:

Moosa was named interim appointed Head of

A/Prof Sulaiman

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