



VC's Communique

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Good luck with the exams

Dear student,

The first semester of 2017 is drawing to an end rapidly. The only thing standing between you and a well-deserved holiday now is the mid-year exams, which will start on Monday.

I would like to wish everyone who will sit for exams all the best. We all know exam time is stressful. As a parent myself, I therefore want to offer you some age-old advice, but it is always good to hear it again. Please stay focused, eat and sleep well and take care of your general health. This will assist you to be successful.

While we talk about staying focused, the past two days' suspension of activities at the Pretoria campus, so close to exams, might have been extremely stressful for you. Please accept my apology and assurance that management is deeply concerned about the welfare of all students and is doing everything in its power to resolve the issues affecting the operations of the University.


In view of the recent events, I would like to put your minds at ease. Additional security has been put in place to safeguard you and ensure that exams go ahead uninterrupted.

The University treasures its student population's well-being, therefore remember that you can knock on the door of Student Development Support, who offers a range of services to enhance your life on campus and your experience as a student. Well-qualified and experienced staff is available at all campuses, to facilitate your academic success and personal well-being.

The highlight of your academic career is, of course, your graduation. Therefore, let me also take this opportunity to congratulate the more than 10 000 successful graduates who received qualifications during the recent Autumn graduation ceremonies. What is also heart-warming to me, is the large number of SRC members who walked the talk and formed part of the class of 2017. My hearty congratulations to each and every one who walked across the stage.

June is Youth Month and it is important to acknowledge and celebrate the role that young people can play in shaping society and the country. I wish you a meaningful Youth Day on Friday, 16 June.

Until we chat again.


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