



Dear Staff and Students

I want to take this opportunity to wish you a warm welcome back. To all our new staff and students, we are excited that you have chosen to join the College of Health Sciences and we look forward to interacting with you during the course of the year.

We have quite a few projects on the go this year, including the expansion of our Decentralised Clinical Training sites in Dundee, Umzimkulu and Hlabisa. Within the next two weeks, some of our Nursing students will embark on clinical training in these areas.

I am also excited to inform you of the outcome of last year's round of promotions. A hearty congratulations to the following staff who were successful:

School of Health Sciences	
a. Professor Rajshekhar Kapoormath	Associate Professor

b. Professor Khathutshelo Mashige	Associate Professor
c. Professor Panjasaram Naidoo	Associate Professor
d. Dr Varsha Bangalee	Senior Lecturer

School of Laboratory Medicine and Medical Sciences

a. Professor Lelika Lazarus	Associate Professor
b. Dr Pathmavathie Pillay	Senior Lecturer

School of Clinical Medicine

Professor Jacqueline Van Wyk	Associate Professor
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I am also pleased to share with you the newly NRF rated academics in our College as well as those who's ratings increased in the last round:

NAME	RATING
1. Professor Bonginkosi Chiliza	C2
2. Professor Mohamed El Zowalaty	C2
3. Professor Khathutshelo Mashige	C2
4. Professor Tricia Naicker	Y2
5. Dr Saloshni Naidoo	C2
6. Dr Andrew Ross	C2
7. Dr Benn Sartorius	C1
8. Dr Onyemaechi Azu	Y2 to C2
9. Professor Sabiha Essack	C3 to C2
10. Professor Irene Makraj	C3 to C2

I want to wish you a productive and successful year in all your pursuits. Let's continue to strive to live up to the REACT values in all that we do, ensuring that we are great UKZN ambassadors.

In the words of the late Maya Angelou, 'Do the best you can until you know better, then when you know better, do better.'

- Professor Busisiwe Ncama