

Professor Ramogale reminded graduates that they were graduating a few days after the country's Youth Day holiday on June 16, which commemorates the uprising of the youth of 1976 against apartheid education. Professor Ramogale explained that just like the youth of 1976, the Class of 2020 needed its own legacy.

"I would like to challenge you as the Class of 2020, receiving your qualifications under the lockdown. What legacy are you going to carry beyond the lockdown? However, my challenge to you is to think of yourself as an employer. In that way, you will never go wanting," said Professor Ramogale.

Professor Ramogale, who has been the biggest proponent of getting MUT students to consider entrepreneurship, encouraged graduates to see some of the problems caused by the coronavirus as opportunities.

"The coronavirus has created many problems, but has also opened new opportunities. Leverage these opportunities, find solutions to the problems we are faced with. In that way, you will find success. There may be no jobs, but there is plenty of work if you see

work as the creation of solutions to existing problems," he said. He also highlighted the eight qualities that graduates would need to become successful entrepreneurs. These are: courage, perseverance, tenacity, positive thinking, sound human relations, willingness to take risks, curiosity and a problem-solving attitude.

The MUT virtual graduation would have been incomplete without the President of MUT Convocation, Sandile Dlamini, formally welcoming the new graduates to the MUT Convocation after the virtual conferral of their qualifications.

Dlamini said: "I am very proud to share the excitement of your graduation day. Although we are not able to congregate at the Dr Pixley ka Seme Hall and celebrate your achievement in person, it is with great joy that I welcome you to the Mangosuthu University of Technology Convocation family."

The ceremonies ended on a celebratory note with footage of the MUT Choir leading the last dance, which has become synonymous with the joy that graduation brings at MUT.

## Graduation in numbers

Faculty	Diploma	Advanced Diploma	Bachelor of Technology	Postgraduate Diploma	Masters	Total
Engineering	785	-	24	-	-	809
Management Sciences	1 053	170	31	25	-	1 279
Natural Sciences	323	61	49	15	3	451
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 161</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2 539</b>

## Vice-Chancellor's Awards recognise top achievers virtually

The term 'virtual' has become a reality that everyone has not only to adjust to, but to live with. 'Virtual' meetings! 'Virtual' public lectures! 'Virtual' trainings! 'Virtual' graduation! The latter has been in the minds of many for the last three months or so, with institutions being forced to conduct graduations online so their students could receive their qualifications.

MUT was no exception to this new 'rule'. One of the highlights of the virtual graduation was the students

that performed exceptionally well in their last examinations. Out of the 2 539 students that went through this important rite of passage on 27 June 2020, three students received the Vice-Chancellor's Award for being the top students in each faculty. Congratulations to this year's awardees who have done themselves, their families and MUT proud.