



Honouring nurses as frontline workers in the fight against COVID-19

While legend has it that the “once and future” King Arthur will come back from his resting place, Avalon, to save Britain from whatever threatens it, the world’s “once and present” – our beloved nurses – are saving lives now, as you read these lines. These frontline workers have risen to the challenge and are tackling COVID-19 head-on. If it were not for them, the story being told about the pandemic would be even gloomier. The efforts of these essential workers have been recognised not only by the WHO but by our own Mangosuthu University of Technology.

According to the Senior Director of the Department of Marketing and Communications, Mbali Mkhize, the University will recognise nurses in two ways: “We will host a public lecture dedicated to the nursing profession. The department has also decided to profile a couple of the nurses. We know that many nurses have contributed to the profession, but we couldn’t write about all of them,” said Mbali. “We also acknowledge that there are also male nurses, and that their role in this field is just as important,” she added. The three nurses that we feature in this edition are



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our own former colleagues, Martha Buthelezi and Nontando Duma, as well as Dr Phumelele Jabulisiwe Kunene. Combined, these retired nurses have given over 100 years of dedicated service to the nursing profession, and their stories are deeply inspiring.