



THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

"I am currently an acting Chief Executive Officer at the Moses Kotane Institute, but my normal role is that of Chief Financial Officer at the same institute. These roles require vision, dedication, discipline, integrity, honesty and hours of serious thinking and implementation. You must be able to see the bigger picture to craft the direction of the company while problem solving daily," says Thandeka of her current professional role.

Thandeka Ellenson - Class of '95

After matriculating, Thandeka went to MUT and studied the National Diploma in Human Resources, which she completed in 1995. MUT opened her eyes to the world of possibilities both in her career and life in general. "I got an opportunity to mingle with different students from different backgrounds: the good, the bad, the ugly and the best. My biggest two lessons as a student at MUT were that you are the consequence of your choices, and that you cannot be what you cannot visualise," she reflects.

Since leaving MUT, Thandeka has studied in different areas, including accounting, governance and operations. She has also

worked in various portfolios including research, marketing, accounting, finance, projects, compliance, governance, human resources, operations and more. She sees herself as an all-rounder and does not confine herself to one specialisation. "I believe that is how you run a business after all," she adds.

Her advice to MUT's current students is simply: "Use your talents and passion to start a business. Create your own economy. Have economic freedom in your lifetime. Apartheid did not affect you so you have no excuse."