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UCT to confer 389 qualifications at winter graduation

Struggle stalwart and one of the two remaining Rivonia trialists, Denis Goldberg, to be awarded an honorary doctorate

The University of Cape Town (UCT) will honour approximately 389 students during its winter graduation taking place at 10:00 on Friday, 12 July 2019, at the Sarah Baartman Hall on UCT's Upper Campus.

During this graduation, an honorary doctorate DScEng (*honoris causa*), will be conferred to struggle stalwart and one of the only two remaining Rivonia trialists, Denis Theodore Goldberg. This is in recognition of his courageous and selfless role in the anti-apartheid struggle over decades, which saw him becoming one of the central figures in the liberation of our country.

The session will also see some of the most inspiring or extraordinary students finally being rewarded for overcoming the odds and getting to the finish line.

Some of the interesting graduation stories

[‘Wunderkind’ Manono speeds through his PhD](#): Malibongwe Manono is a wunderkind. On 12 July 2019, at the age of 31, he will graduate with his PhD in chemical engineering. But it's the short time it took, and the challenges he overcame along the way, that make this achievement particularly inspiring.

[Meet UCT's first woman 'soil doctor'](#): When Laxmee Sobhee-Beetul walks across the stage to receive her PhD in geotechnical engineering, she will be completing a journey that began when she was a teenager, chatting to her father in the garage. She jokes that her favourite words have always been, "But why?"

[Digital technologies a cultural lifeline for Somali diaspora](#): Having grown up living in seven different countries – attending school in five of those – Ingrid Brudvig's desire to grapple with the complexities of cultural identity started at a young age. It was her quest to understand her own place in the world that sparked her interest in anthropology, the field in which she will be receiving her doctoral degree. "I've always had a profound questioning of

what it means to belong when you identify across many different places and geographies,” Brudvig explained.

The graduation ceremony is open to members of the media.

- [Read the VC Desk: Honorary doctorate for Denis Goldberg.](#)
- [View the graduation feature page.](#)

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