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MEDIA RELEASE

UL Celebrates 29 Doctorates and 56 Medical Doctors to strengthen South Africa's health and Economy

The University of Limpopo's 2026 Autumn Graduation Ceremonies continue this week, marking a significant milestone in the academic journey of thousands of graduates.

On **Saturday, 11 April 2026**, the University Chancellor, Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, will confer 29 doctoral degrees and 258 master's degrees, highlighting the institution's growing contribution to advanced research and knowledge production.

The graduation ceremonies commenced on Tuesday, 07 April 2026, and have already seen the Faculty of Health Sciences produce a new cohort of healthcare professionals, including 56 medical doctors, 76 pharmacists, 60 nurses and 47 optometrists. These graduates are expected to play a pivotal role in strengthening South Africa's healthcare system, particularly in improving access to services in rural and underserved communities.

The ceremonies, which will conclude on 15 April 2026, also reflect the University's commitment to inclusivity, with approximately 19 students with disabilities among those graduating.

A total of 4 694 graduates will be conferred across various qualifications, as follows:

- Undergraduate Degrees: 3 074
- Postgraduate Certificates: 187
- Postgraduate Diplomas: 110
- Honours Degrees: 1 037
- Master's Degrees: 258
- Doctoral Degrees: 29

Members of the media are invited to attend this prestigious occasion, particularly the conferral of doctoral degrees on **Saturday, 11 April 2026**, where graduates' research is expected to contribute meaningfully to addressing critical challenges facing the country.

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