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MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Ms Nonkululeko Nyembezi

Dear Graduating students, class of 2021

Congratulations to our newest alumni, the graduating class of 2021. You have accomplished an enormous amount and you have even greater potential than when you began your studies here at Durban University of Technology. You have earned your qualification and you have accomplished so much.

For some, you will be earning your undergraduate degrees, for others, this will mark the culmination of your postgraduate and professional degrees. For all of us though, I am fully aware that our actions to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 may have caused a disruption to this special occasion. I am as heartbroken as you are that your graduation from the Durban University of Technology has been impacted by this global pandemic.

It is my utmost wish that you remain connected with your lecturers, your friends and your classmates. Remain steadfast, as I am in the knowledge that your DUT education and the relationships you made, the learning you achieved and the experiences you had during your time at DUT will serve you well in the years to come.

You are DUT for Life.

Ms Nonkululeko Nyembezi Chancellor

UMLAYEZO KASHANSELA



Sibingelela abazokwethweswa iziqu zonyaka ka-2021

Siyanibingelela

Igama lami nginguNonkululeko Nyembezi, nginguShansela weNyuvezi yaseThekwini yezobuChwepheshe. Ngamandla enginikwe wona njengoShansela, ngithi usungaqala umcimbi wokwethweswa kweziqu weNyuvezi yaseThekwini yezobuChwepheshe ozobe ubonakala kumabonakude.

Halala kubafundi bethu abozokwethweswa iziqu, labo abaqede izifundo zabo ngonyaka ka-2021. Nizuze okukhulu kakhulu futhi seniqeqesheke kakhulu okudlula ngesikhathi niqala izifundo zenu lapha eNyuvesi yaseThekwini yezobuChwephese. Nizisebenzele iziqu zenu futhi nizuze okukhulu.

Abanye, iziqu zabo zokuqala lezi, abanye bazogogoda. Lokhu kuzokhombisa umphumela weziqu eziphezulu neziphathelene nomsebenzi enizowenza. Kithi sonke nokho, ngiyazi ukuthi ukwenza kwethu ukuvikela ukubhebhetheka kokhuvethe kungenzeka ukuthi kudale ukuphazamiseka kulomcimbi osemqoka kangaka. Nakumina kubuhlungu lokhu njengakunina ukuthi umcimbi wenu wokwethweswa iziqu waseNyuvesi yaseThekwini yezobuCwepheshe uphazamisekile ilolu bhubhane olusemhlabeni wonke.

Kuyisifiso sami ukuthi bungapheli ubudlelwano phakathi kwenu nothisha benu, abangani benu kanye nozakwenu. Ningaguquki, njengoba ngazi ukuthi imfundo yase-DUT kanye nobudlelwano enibenzile, enikufundile kanye nezinto enihlangabezane nazo ngesikhathi nisese-DUT konke lokhu konisebenzela eminyakeni eyazo.

Niyohlezi ningabase-DUT.



MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRINCIPAL

Professor Thandwa Zizwe Mthembu

As we are all aware, Durban University of Technology (DUT) has produced thousands of graduates over the years. However, the 2021 cohort is the first since the start of implementation of *ENVISION2030* and the emergence of Covid-19 and all its ramifications on our teaching-learning arrangements we had to pivot from.

With the launch of **ENVISION2030** early last year, you would have had a taste of it including the idea of DUT's DNA and the DUT-Way that emanates from it. In future, when we reflect on the impact of the new strategy in all its facets, you will be the baseline cohort.

On behalf of DUT people, I take this opportunity to congratulate you on your important personal accomplishment. We recognize that this milestone carries with it important meanings, part of which suggests you have maintained the discipline of your thoughts and behaviour characteristic of DUT people. Without the requirement of discipline, this day may not have been possible for many of you. For this reason, I dare say that the very discipline you have demonstrated thus far will carry you through your next personal growth trajectories, ranging from further studies, starting a career, starting your own business to even starting a family.

To borrow from Jim Collins, a combination of a culture of discipline and an ethic of entrepreneurship produces "the magical alchemy of great of performance". We, thus, have no doubt that focused and disciplined as you were during your studies, and with DUT entrepreneurial flair we have been instilling over a number of years now, you will be greatly successful in your pursuits.

More especially over the last few years of study at DUT, you would have appreciated the strategic approach, outcomes and impacts of our teaching-learning and research-innovation philosophy. We have sought to position DUT as a university of and for its broader society. We exist because our people must use their individual and collective creativity, innovation and entrepreneurial flair to solve perennial and new problems our broader society faces. Solutions to these must contribute towards improving the lives and livelihoods in our society. Through our 'Innovative Research and Curricula', we expect you to become a model DUT 'Adaptive Graduate' who will unleash your creativity and imagination to become the source of change and advancement. By 2030 we will be a vanguard of that change and advancement in society. We see you as an equal partner in this historic voyage we have just embarked upon.

Your graduation coincides with a myriad of challenges confronting the world, the African continent and South Africa as a nation. We do not expect you to feel sorry for yourselves or mourn the persistence of these problems. As DUT, we have accepted Pascal Finnete's assertion that people are a source of everything that happens across all institutions of society. This means that it is people who are behind the problems we know. Similarly, we know that it is a different type of people who contribute ideas that will lead to lasting solutions. In the recent past, I said the following when unpacking the Stewardship Perspective of ENVISION2030:

It is about being true and selfless stewards of everyone and everything we are custodians of. It is about our deep conviction and purity of character in our collective quest to reach our ultimate goal. It is about something deeper, irreducible, somewhat intangible, that will sustain us on a flight to greatness. Allow me to say Stewardship is essentially our compass towards our ultimate and shared destiny of greatness.

As a DUT graduate, you should enthusiastically contribute towards the lives and livelihoods of all our people. In everything you do and will do onwards, may you demonstrate DUT's DNA and the DUT-Way. May you live all DUT's Values and Principles as part of your way of life. That way, you will stand out and be seen to be a distinctive DUT graduate that all will wish to associate with, perhaps employ and perhaps partner with on big and innovative projects.

We wish you all the best in your future endeavours. Become the change you have always yearned for.

UMLAYEZO KASEKELA SHANSELA NOPHINDE ABE NGUTHISHANHLOKO



Njengoba sonke sazi, iNyuvesi yaseThekwini yezobuChwepheshe (DUT) isikhiqize izinkulungwane zezitshudeni eminyakeni eyedlule. Noma kunjalo, labo abathweswa iziqu ngo-2021 bangabokuqala selokhu kusungulwe uhlelo olubizwa nge-ENVISION2030 kanye nokuvela kokhuvethe nezinguquko-ke obekufanele zenziwe ekufundiseni nokufunda.

Ngesikhathi kuqala i-ENVISION2030 ekuqaleni konyaka odlule, ngaleso sikhathi ubungabe usutholile ukuthi iyini yona okubandakanya nomqondo wolibofuzo lwe-DUT neNdlela ye-DUT esuka kuyo. Ngesikhathi esizayo uma sesibuka okwenziwe yileli su elisha kuzo zonke izinhlangothi zalo, niyoba yiqembu lokuqala okweqhathaniswa nalo.

Uma ngikhulumela abantu base-DUT, ngithatha lelithuba ukunihalalisela empumelelweni yenu emqoka kangaka. Siyaqonda ukuthi lempumelelo isho lukhulu kini, okunye kwakho kusho ukuthi nikwazile ukuqoqa imicabango yenu kanye nendlela yokuziphatha okuyinto efana nabantu base-DUT. Ngaphandle kokukwazi ukuziphatha ngendlela, lolusuku bekungenzeka lungabi yimpumelelo kwabaningi benu. Ngalokho ngithi, lendlela enikwaze ukuziphatha ngayo kuze kubemanje izoniqhuba kwenizokwenza kusukela manje, kungaba ukuqhubeba nezifundo, ukusebenza, ukuqala amabhizinisi enu noma ukuqala imindeni.

Ukuthatha emazwini ka-Jim Collins, isiko lokukwazi ukuziphatha kanye nendlela yokukwazi ukuphatha amabhizinisi lokhu kokubili kukhiqiza, "the magical alchemy of great of performance" okusho ukuthi "umlingo wenqubo yoguquko yokukhulu kokwenza umsebenzi". Ngakho, asingabazi ukuthi indlela enikwaze ngayo ukugxila kwenikwenzayo nokuziphatha njengoba benenza ngesikhathi sezifundo zenu kanye nobuhle bokusungula amabhizinisi ebekufakwa ezingqondweni zenu e-DUT engwabeni yeminyaka eyedlule, ngaleyo ndlela niyophumelela kukho konke enihlela ukukwenza.

Ikakhulukazi eminyakeni yokugcina yokufunda e-DUT, kufanele ngabe nithakasele izindlela zokwenza izinto, imiphumela yendlela izinto ezenzeka ngayo, kanye nemiphumela yendlela yokufunda-nokufundisa kanye nezindlela ezintsha zocwaningo zobunjalo bolwazi nezinto eziyiqiniso nezikhona. Sizame ukuthola indlela yokubeka i-DUT njengenyuvesi yomphakathi wonkana. Sikhona ukuze abantu bakwazi ukusebenzisa amakhono abo ngabanye nanoma futhi besebenzisana nabanye, ukukwazi ukufika namacebo okwenza izinto ngcono kanye nokukwazi ukwenza kahle kwezamabhizinisi bakwazi ukuxazulula izinkinga ezintsha kanye nalezo umphakathi wonkana osubhekene nazo inqwaba yeminyaka. Lezi zisombululo kufanele kube ukuthi zibe negalelo ekwenzeni ngcono izimpilo zabantu kanye nendlela yabo yokuphila emphakathini yethu. Nge, "Innovative Research and Curricular" silindele ukuthi nibe yisibonelo se-DUT, "izitshudeni esezigogodile ezikwazi ukumelana noshintsho" ezizokwazi ukucabanga ngokusabalalisa umqondo kanye nekhono lokudala ukuze nibe umsuka woshintsho nokuthuthuka. Ngonyaka ka-2030 kuyobe kuyithi esihamba phambii ngezindlela ezintsha zokuthuthukisa umphakathi. Sinibona njengabalingani bethu kulomlando wohambo esiluqalayo.

Ukuthweswa kwenu iziqu kwenzeke ngesikhathi izwe libhekene nenqwaba yezingqinamba, izwekazi lase-Afrika kanye neNingizimu Afrika njengesizwe. Asilindele ukunibona nidabukisa okanye nikhungathwe ukuba khona kwalezi zinkinga ezingapheli. Njenge DUT, sesiwamukele umbono ka-Pascal Finnet othi abantu bawumsuka wayo yonke into eyenzakalayo kuzo zonke izikhungo zomphakathi. Lokhu kusho ukuthi ngabantu abayimbangela yezinkinga esizaziyo. Kuyefana nokuthi, siyazi ukuthi ngabantu abathile abayobamba iqhaza ngemibono eyoholela ezisombululweni ezohlala zikhona njalo. Esikhathini esingesingakanani esedlule, ngasho lokhu okulandelayo uma ngichaza ngoMbono wokuPhatha we-ENVISION2030:

Kumayelana nokuba ngumholi weqiniso nongayena ugombela kwesakhe kubantu nakho konke lokhu okudinga ukunakekelwa yithi. Kumayelana nokujula nokukholelwa kwethu kanye nobumsulwa bobuthina ekubambisaneni ekufuneni lokho okuwumgomo wokugcina, ongehliseki, ongasho nje ukuthi into engabambeki, lokho kuyosilondoloza size sifinyelele kokukhulu. Ngivumeleni ngisho ukuthi uBuholi buyinkombandlela bendawo yethu esiphokophelele kuyo neyokugcina yethu sonke yobukhulu.

Njengomfundi wase-DUT othweswe iziqu, kufanele niphonse esivivaneni ezimpilweni zabantu bethu kanye nendlela abaziphilisa ngayo. Kukho konke enikwenzayo nenizokwenza ukuya phambili, sengathi ningakhombisa uLibofuzo lwe-DUT neNdlela-yeDUT. Sengathi ningaphila ngazo zonke izinto ezibalulelile neziyigugu nezimiso ze-DUT njengengxenye yempilo yenu. Ngaleyo ndlela, niyogqama niphinde nibonakale ukuthi ningabafundi abathweswe iziqu e-DUT abantu bonke abayofisa ukwazana nabo, mhlampe babaqashe okanye babe ngabalingani babo emisebenzini emikhulu yokuqhamuka nezinto ezintsha.

Sinifisela okuhle kodwa kulokhu enizokwenza kusasa. Yibani ushinstho enanikade nifisa ukuba yilo.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF CONVOCATION

Mr Siyabonga Vezi

Class of 2021. Congratulations on your well-deserved success!

You should be extremely proud of your accomplishment. One's graduation is always a momentous occasion, but completing your studies and graduating during the midst of a world-wide pandemic is nothing short of extraordinary. You have made it through a very challenging time. Your indomitable spirit and a thirst for success has propelled you to work hard and see this through. Well done! These are the very skills that will hold you in good stead and give you the confidence to overcome hurdles and continue with the journey ahead.

ENVISION2030 speaks of producing adaptive graduates – developing graduates with the acumen to initiate and/or respond to change. The Class of 2021 epitomises that. You were faced with uncertain times but your resilience and fortitude endured and here you are, today, celebrating all the hard work that led to this victory. As you celebrate let us pay homage to those that have made sacrifices to ensure you fulfil your potential as a contributing member of society. Pay it forward as you, too, seek to *Improve Lives and Livelihoods*. To make a donation to DUT go to www.dutalumni.com and click on "Ways to Give". Select one of the three payment options. It is that easy.

Having being ranked among the top five Universities in South Africa, according to the Times Higher Education World Rankings, as DUT we are confident that we have produced graduates with a social conscience who will make an indelible mark on the world and who will certainly become members of a global community.

We hope that you have created fond memories of your time at DUT and we look forward to welcoming you back should you choose to continue with postgraduate studies. The Executive Committee of Convocation is proud to be part of one of your greatest achievements. We look forward to great things from the graduating Class of 2021. I humbly request that you make contact by continuously updating your details so that you maintain your lifelong link with DUT, your *Alma Mater*.

UMLAYEZO KAMENGAMELI WENHLANGANO YABAFUNDI ASEBETHWESWE IZIQU



Ukwethweswa kweziqu kwasebusika 2021

Bafundi bango-2021. Halala empumelelweni yenu enifanele!

Kufanele niziqhenye ngesenikuzuzile. Umcimbi wokwethweswa iziqu ungumcimbi uhlale ungomqoka kakhulu, kodwa-ke ukuqeda izifundo zenu niphinde nithweswe iziqu ngesikhathi izwe libhekene nobhubhane emhlabeni wonke lokho kuyisimanga esikhulu. Niphumelele kunzima. Umoya wokuphikelela kanye nokomela impumelelo kunenze nasebenza kanzima kwaze kwaba manje. Nisebenzile! Lawa ngamakhono ayonigcina aphinde aninike ukuzethemba okuyonenza nikwazi ukumelana nezingqinamba niphinde niqhubeke nohambo enibhekene nalo.

Uhlelo i-ENVISION2030 lukhuluma ngokukhiqiza izitshudeni ezikwazi ukumelana nezimo ezahlukene-ukuthuthukisa izitshudeni ngobuchule ukuze zikwazi ukuqala kanye/noma zikwazi ukuthi zenzenjani uma kufika ushintsho. Abafundi baka-2021 bayisibonelo esihle ngokweqile salokho. Benibhekene nesikhathi esinzima kodwa nibekezele ngenxa yamandla nesibindi, namhlanje nizobungaza ukusebenza ngokuzikhandla okuholele kulempumelelo. Nisabungaza, ningakhohlwa ilabo abadele konke ukuqinisekisa ukuthi ningalabantu eniyibona namhlanje abaneqhaza abalibambayo njengamalungu omphakathi. Khokha ngendlela yokuthi nawe uyafuna ukuthi *Izimpilo zabantu zibe ngcono kanye neNdlela abantu abaphila ngayo*. Uma ufuna ukuphonsa esivivaneni e-DUT ungangena ekhasini le-internet: www.dutalumni.com bese ucofa lakuthi, "iziNdlela zokuNikela.

Ukubekwa kanye namanyuvesi amahlanu aphezulu ohlwini eNingizimu Afrika, ngokwe-Times Higher Education Worlds Rankings, njenge-DUT siyazethemba ukuthi sikhiqize izitshudeni ezikwaziyo ukuphila nabantu eziyoyibeka induku ebandla, futhi ezizoba amalungu omphakathi omhlaba jikele.

Sithemba ukuthi nizenzele izinkumbulo ezithandekayo zesikhathi senu e-DUT kanti singakuthokozela ukubuya kwenu uma nikhetha ukuqhubeka nezifundo zenu. Ikomidi Elikhethekile leNhlangano yasebethweswe iziqu liyaziqhenya ngokuba yingxenye yenye yempumelelo yenu enkulu kangaka. Sibheke okuhle kodwa ezitshudenini zango-2021 ebezithweswa iziqu. Ngiyaninxusa ukuthi nixhumane nathi ngokuthi niqhubeke nokubuyekeza imininingwane yenu ukuze nigcine ubudlelwano benu ne-DUT njalo, inyuvesi yenu ebenifunda kuyo.

Khumbulani ukuhlala ngokuqhelelana, ukugeza izandla imizuzwana engama-20 bese-ke njalo nifaka isimfoyo uma niphumela phandle.

Niphephe. Nibusiseke.

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Title of Thesis

Optimization of distribution static compensator for mitigation of power quality issues in grid-tied photovoltaic systems

Summary

Presently, the Renewable Energy Sources (RES) are being integrated into the power grid. Among these RES, photovoltaic (PV) system is penetrating rapidly because this form of power is easily generated and also considered clean and safe. The integration of PV comes with power quality issues due to various nonlinear loads. These power quality issues include; harmonic currents and unbalanced loads. This study embarked on the use of the Distributed Static Compensator (D-STATCOM) to improve these power quality issues. Enhanced Jaya (E-Jaya), a novel optimization method, was proposed and implemented to optimize the coefficients of the PV inverter proportional-integral (PI) controller. The E-Jaya optimization method mitigates the limitations of other optimization techniques. The outcomes of this work revealed that, the E-Jaya optimized D-STATCOM provided a more satisfactory performance as compared to the Artificial Bee Colony. This study also established that, the E-Jaya optimization method provides a better voltage regulation and significant compensation of source current the Total Harmonic Distortion (THD).

Supervisor Prof IJ Lazarus **Co-Supervisors** Prof AK Saha

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DEWA Mendon

Title of Thesis

Energy assessment and scheduling for Energy Optimisation of a Hot Dip galvanising process

Summary

Galvanising furnaces are categorised as dominant consumers of electricity in the overall galvanising industry. The research sought to introduce an optimal energy optimisation-scheduling algorithm for a hot dip galvanising process. A DMAIC based methodology was presented for improving energy efficiency in a galvanising process. Four energy minimisation opportunities were identified, quantifiable energy and cost savings, as well as avoided carbon dioxide emissions were derived from the analysis of one of the plants. The main drivers for electricity consumption and energy performance indicators for a galvanising plant were established through a comparison of actual and expected consumption, energy intensity index, cumulative sum, and specific energy consumption. A biobjective Greedy Energy Consumption Optimisation Scheduling (GECOS) algorithm was further introduced to reduce the total energy consumption as well as makes pan. The simulation results revealed that the GECOS algorithm outperforms other stated algorithms on minimising makes pan on parallel processing machines.

The key contributions to the body of knowledge from the study include a unique evaluation of electrical energy consumption by a hotdip galvanising plant, development of an energy consumption baseline and performance indices, and the developed novel biobjective GECOS algorithm that considers reducing total energy consumption by the process tanks as well as makes pan.

Supervisor Prof B Nleya **Co-Supervisor** Dr B Dzwairo

MOHAMMED Usman Aliyu

Title of Thesis

Application of synthesized zeolite membrane systems in water desalination

Summary

Despite the vast amount of seawater, its utilization is hindered by the presence of salts. Zeolite membranes, synthesized from kaolin of South African origin were evaluated in water desalination. Zeolites A and ZSM-5 with Si/Al ratio of 1.3 and 43, respectively were successfully synthesized and explored for salt removal from water. The zeolites showed an efficiency of up to 89.7% in the removal of Ca²⁺, K⁺, Mg²⁺ and Na⁺ ions, when used as adsorbents. Trials on reverse osmosis units showed the systems to be promising membrane systems with ion rejection of up to 95%. The study has shown the production of ZSM-5 to be economically viable with a payback period of less than 4 years. Alongside the novelty in the synthesis, a machine-learning tool has been used to establish the relationship between complex zeolite synthesis materials and desired properties. This is a step towards sustainable water treatment using local and abundant resources.

Supervisor Prof YM Isa **Co-Supervisor** Prof S Rathilal

MTSWENI Sphesihle

Title of Thesis

Performance optimization modelling of a horizontal roughing filter for the treatment of mixed greywater

Summary

With growing demand of wastewater treatment technologies, advanced research and optimization of water treatment technologies is becoming a necessity. This study aimed at modelling a horizontal roughing filter (HRF) based on empirical and artificial neural networks (ANN) for the prediction of domestic greywater variables. Experiments were conducted for biological and physico-chemical quality analysis and design variables of the HRF were investigated at 0.3 m/h for the prediction of multi-output variables of greywater. Predicted ANN variables were pH, COD, solids and turbidity, where the MSE below 10% and R coefficients above 0.9 were targeted. High pollutants and lower treatability characteristics in kitchen greywater were recorded compared to other sources and removal was generally satisfactory in the HRF with 90% turbidity, 86% conductivity and 84% solids reduction. The filtration rate, filter length and gravel size were highly significant and the MIMO ANN model recorded good accuracy in predicting multi-output variables of greywater.

Supervisor Prof S Rathilal **Co-Supervisor** Prof BF Bakare

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Title of Thesis

A technical framework for potable water infrastructure operation and maintenance

Summary

An Operation and Maintenance (O&M) framework for the Umzinto Water Supply System (UWSS) infrastructure, Ugu District Municipality, was developed following the objectives of the study. The study period was from 01 November 2015 to 31 December 2019. The first objective was to classify the Umzinto potable water distribution network. The result for this objective was that although the system qualified for Class IV considering the people served, there were a few challenges that resulted in the system being assigned Class III status. The second objective was to assess risks involved in the UWSS system infrastructure. The outcome of this objective was a detailed water safety plan for the system. The third objective was to perform an interruption frequency analysis of the UWSS. The results showed a need for regular O&M as well as replacement of aging infrastructure. The fourth objective was to develop the technical framework for O&M of potable water infrastructure in Water Services Authorities, for the UWSS. The system was found to be needing interventions like leakage management, replacing old infrastructure and pressure management as well as a meter audit.

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The beginnings of apartheid initiated the manipulation of policy and plans to create cities which deeply entrenched segregation into the South African landscape. This history of spatial exclusion is evident in the study area called Ward 68, located in the South Durban Basin. Formal and informal changes to space from home-based businesses have an impact on the people living and working in this area. There are distinctive challenges related to the city's spatial-economic disparities in the urban environment. South African strategy and legislation have included support to informal businesses in efforts to address the injustices of apartheid. Hence, the appropriateness of business support interventions and their effect on the quality of local spaces needed to be explored. The mixed methods approach to this research contributes to both practical methods for understanding the spatial-economic condition of local urban spaces, and towards providing nuanced data and knowledge in the eThekwini Municipality (Durban).

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