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Faculty of Health Sciences Life Changers

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From the Deans Desk

Pursuing excellence in hostile circumstances is never easy but everyone still owes it to themselves to at least try.

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UP Extraordinary Professor Vanessa Hayes Honoured by Genetics Society

South African born geneticist Professor Vanessa Hayes has been awarded the MJD White Medal, commemorating renowned geneticist Michael White, for significant work in the field of genetics by the Genetics Society of Australasia.

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Anatomy Lecturer and Researcher included in Mail & Guardian's 200 Young South Africans List

Anatomy Lecturer and Researcher, Dr Nkhensani Mogale has been included in the Education category of the Mail & Guardian's 200 Young South Africans list.

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UP initiative helps create food security for vulnerable communities

The COVID-19 pandemic has left many without a source of income. This has had devastating effects on household food security, a disastrous reality which prompted the University of Pretoria's (UP) Community Oriented Primary Care Research Unit (COPC), to start an initiative to raise funds, source nutritional food sustainably, and educate informal settlement residents on supporting their families through gardening.

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UP and partners awarded EU grant to improve medical education in Southern Africa

The Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Pretoria (UP), in partnership with Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University, the University of the Witwatersrand, the University of Namibia and Welwitchia University, has been awarded a European Union (EU) grant valued at £1 million (about R23 million) to set up a medical capacity-building project called Dirisana.

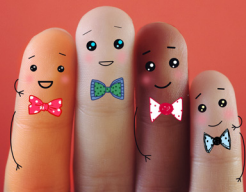
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Anti-discrimination and Escalation Policies

Faculty of Health Sciences students and staff members can download the Anti-discrimination and Escalation Policies below. Please note that it is essential that staff take note of the content of the policies.

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UP OneHealth4Change, Breaking Barriers, Forging Knowledge

The University of Pretoria OneHealth4Change (UP-OHC) is a network of collaborators from multiple disciplines within the UP and affiliated institutions. Under the theme 'Breaking Barriers, Forging knowledge' UP-OHC seeks to break down 'silos' between different disciplines whilst forging (build) knowledge and innovation.

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Sanlam Encourages Physiotherapy Students to Make a Difference

The department of Physiotherapy received a donation of masks and sanitisers from Sanlam for students to ensure that students stay safe while pursuing their studies.

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Fund

Life Changers Fund

The Faculty of Health Sciences has established the Life Changers Fund to help support students who are in need to pay for accommodation, tuition, food and procure PPE. Let's work together to help students reach their full potential.

Staff, alumni and donors are encouraged to consider contributing to the Life Changers Fund to not only help qualify this year's cohort in the current academic year but also provide for the needs of future generations. Any contribution will ensure that no student is left behind. View the video below for more details on how to donate then go to hsup.co.za and click on "Donate".

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Merit Awards Ceremony

The Faculty of Health Sciences hosted their first combined virtual Merit Awards ceremony to celebrate the achievements of the Undergraduate students attained in the 2019 academic year.

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COVID-19

As restrictions ease it is important that staff and students understand the importance of staying safe and adhering to the rules and regulations. Staff and students are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the Occupational Health and Safety (OHS). The policy outlines UP's approach regarding compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act (Act 85 of 1993).

To download rules and regulations please click on this link [Occupational Health and Safety \(OHS\)](#).

Please contact a medical doctor or the UP 24-hour crisis line (0800 0064 28 or 012 420 2310) should you feel ill or suspect that you may have been exposed.

You can also call the National Institute for Communicable Diseases on 0800 029 999.

For more information visit (click to view):

- World Health Organization
- National Institute for Communicable Diseases

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