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Prof Deresh Ramjugernath

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SHAPING TOMORROW TOGETHER

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The Rector and Vice-Chancellor

The Rector and Vice-Chancellor is the principal, chief executive, accounting officer and academic leader of the University, and is accountable for the management and administration of the University as well as for additional responsibilities delegated by the University Council.

INqununu neNgqonyela

INqununu neNgqonyela yinqununu, intloko yesigqeba solawulo, igosa elinoxanduva lokuphendula nenkokheli yale Yunivesithi, kwaye inoxanduva lokuphendula ngolawulo nemisebenzi yale Yunivesithi kwakunye noxanduva olongezelelweyo eluphathiswa liBhunga lale Yunivesithi.

Die Rektor en Visekanselier

Die Rektor en Visekanselier is die prinsipaal, uitvoerende hoof, rekenpligtige beampte en akademiese leier van die Universiteit en is aanspreeklik vir die bestuur en administrasie van die Universiteit asook vir bykomende verantwoordelikhede wat die Universiteitsraad bepaal.

Our vision

Stellenbosch University will be Africa's leading research-intensive university, globally recognised as excellent, inclusive and innovative, where we advance knowledge in service of society.

Umbono Wethu

IYunivesithi yaseStellenbosch iya kuba yeyona yunivesithi egxininisa kuphando nekhokelayo eAfrika, neyamkelwa kwihlabathi lonke njengegqwesileyo, equkayo neyenza iinguqu ezintsha, nalapho siqhubela ulwazi phambili ekusebenzeleni uluntu.

Ons visie

Die Universiteit Stellenbosch sal Afrika se voorste navorsingsintensiewe universiteit wees wat wêreldwyd as uitnemend, inklusief en innoverend erken word en waar ons kennis tot diens van die samelewing bevorder.

Our mission

Stellenbosch University is a research-intensive university, where we attract outstanding students, employ talented staff and provide a world-class environment; a place connected to the world, while enriching and transforming local, continental and global communities.

Ubizo lwethu

IYunivesithi yaseStellenbosch yiyunivesithi egxininise kuphando, apho sitsala abafundi ababalaseleyo, siqesha abasebenzi abanesakhono kwaye sibonelela ngemekobume ekwinqanaba lehlabathi; indawo eqhagamshelana nehlabathi, ngelixa ityebisa ngophuhliso kwaye iguqula uluntu lweli lizwe, kwilizwekazi nakwihlabathi liphela.

Ons missie

Die Universiteit Stellenbosch is 'n navorsingsintensiewe universiteit wat uitmuntende studente lok, talentvolle personeel aanstel en 'n wêreldklasomgewing bied; 'n plek wat met die wêreld verbind is en gemeenskappe plaaslik, op die vasteland en in die res van die wêreld verryk en transformeer.

Professor Deresh Ramjugernath

A seasoned and highly experienced higher education leader with extensive senior executive experience in the sector in South Africa, Prof Deresh Ramjugernath officially joined Stellenbosch University in January 2021, and served as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Learning and Teaching.

Before making Stellenbosch his home, Prof Ramjugernath was Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research and Pro Vice-Chancellor: Innovation, Commercialisation and Entrepreneurship at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN).

He boasts extensive board and governance experience, having served on several company and organisation boards. A pre-eminent scientist in the field of chemical engineering and specifically in chemical thermodynamics and separation technology (becoming the youngest full professor in his field in Africa at age 31), Prof Ramjugernath held the DST/NRF South African Research Chair (SARChI) for Fluorine Process Engineering and Separation Technology until 2018.

He has successfully graduated over 130 Master's and PhD students and supervised over 20 postdoctoral fellows. Prof Ramjugernath has published more than 350 peer-reviewed journal papers and has presented at least 300 papers at international conferences. He studied at UKZN and obtained the degrees BSc Eng (Chemical) in 1993, MSc Eng (Chemical) that was upgraded to a PhD in 1995 and a PhD in Chemical Engineering in 2000.

Prof Ramjugernath resides in Stellenbosch with his wife, Prof Prathieka Naidoo, an accomplished academic in her own right, and their three daughters. Besides being a dog lover and an avid sports fan who plays tennis, paddle and golf, Prof Ramjugernath loves the outdoors.

UNjing Deresh Ramjugernath

Njengenkokheli engumpondozihlanjiwe enamava angaphaya kokuqonda nenamava abanzi okuba kwizikhundla eziphezulu kwizigqeba zolawulo kweli candelo eMzantsi Afrika, uNjing Deresh Ramjugernath wazibandakanya ngokusesikweni neYunivesithi yaseStellenbosch kweyoMqungu ngo2021, waza wasebenza njengeSekela leSekelaNgqonyela: ezokuFunda nokuFundisa.

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Ngaphambi kokuba enze iStellenbosch ikhaya lakhe, uNjing Ramjugernath wayeliSekela leSekelaNgqonyela: ezoPhando neSekela leSekelaNgqonyela: ezokuYila iZinto eziNtsha, ezoRhwebo nezoShishino kwiYunivesithi yaKwaZulu-Natal (UKZN).

Uqhayisa ngamava anzulu nabanzi kwezolawulo nanjengoko ekhe wasebenza kwiibhodi zeenkampani nemibutho eliqela. Wayefudula engusonzululwazi obalaseleyo kwezobunjineli beekhemikhali kwaye ngokungqalileyo ekumsebenzi ongokuguquguquka kobushushu beekhemikhali netekhnoloji yokwahlukanisa (nalapho waba ngoyena njingalwazi uselula ngokupheleleyo kwikhondo lakhe lomsebenzi eneminyaka engama31), uNjing Ramjugernath wasebenza njengoSihlalo woPhando lweDST/NRF eMzantsi Afrika (SARChI) kwezobuNjineli beNkqubo yeFlorini neTekhnoloji yokwaHlukanisa (Fluorine Process Engineering and Separation Technology) de kwaba ngo2018.

Unababfundi abangaphezu kwe130 abaye bathwala izidanga zeeMastazi nePhD ngempumelelo bephantsi kwakhe waza wakhankathela amaqabane ezifundo ezingaphezu kwezobugqirha angaphezu kwangama20. UNjing Ramjugernath sele epapashe amaphepha eejenali aphononongwe ngoogxa bakhe angaphezu kwangama350 kwaye sele ethe thaca amaphepha angama300 ubuncinane kwiinkomfa zakumazwe ngamazwe. Ufunde eUKZN waza wafumana izidanga ezifana neseBSc Eng (yeeKhemikhali) ngo1993, iMSc Eng (yeeKhemikhali) neyathi yonyuselwa ekubeni ibe yiPhD ngo1995 nePhD kwezobuNjineli beeKhemikhali ngo2020.

UNjing Ramjugernath uhlala eStellenbosch kunye nenkosikazi yakhe, uNjing Prathieka Naidoo, osisifundiswa esiphumeleleyo ngokunokwakhe, neentombi zabo ezintathu. Ngaphandle kokuba ngumthandi wezinja nomlandeli omkhulu wezemidlalo odlala itenese, ukuqhuba amaphenyane kwaye udlala igalufa, uNjing Ramjugernath uyakuthanda ukuba phandle.

Prof Deresh Ramjugernath

Prof Deresh Ramjugernath, 'n gesoute en hoogs ervare leier in die hoër onderwys met uitgebreide senior bestuurservaring in dié sektor in Suid-Afrika, het hom amptelik in Januarie 2021 as Viserektor: Leer en Onderrig by die Universiteit Stellenbosch aangesluit.

Voordat prof Ramjugernath na Stellenbosch verhuis het, was hy Viserektor: Navorsing en Pro-Visekanselier: Innovasie, Kommersialisering en Entrepreneurskap aan die Universiteit van KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN).

Hy het al in verskeie maatskappydireksies en organisasierade gedien, en beskik dus oor uitgebreide direksie- en oorsigbestuurservaring. Prof Ramjugernath is 'n uitmuntende wetenskaplike op die gebied van chemiese ingenieurswese, en veral chemiese termodinamika en skeidingstegnologie (wat hom op 31-jarige ouderdom die jongste volle professor op sy vakgebied in Afrika gemaak het). Hy het tot 2018 die Departement van Wetenskap en Tegnologie/Nasionale Navorsingstigting Suid-Afrikaanse Navorsingsleerstoel (SARChI) in Fluoorprosesingenieurswese en Skeidingstegnologie beklee.

Meer as 130 meesters- en PhD-studente het al onder sy leiding gegradueer, en hy het as mentor vir oor die 20 nadoktorale genote opgetree. Prof Ramjugernath het reeds meer as 350 ewekniebeoordeelde vaktydskrifartikels gepubliseer en ten minste 300 referate by internasionale konferensies aangebied. Hy het aan die UKZN studeer waar hy in 1993 die graad BScIng (Chemies) verwerf het, gevolg deur 'n MScIng (Chemies) wat in 1995 in 'n PhD omskep is, en 'n PhD in Chemiese Ingenieurswese in 2000.

Prof Ramjugernath woon op Stellenbosch saam met sy vrou, prof Prathieka Naidoo, 'n bekwame akademikus uit eie reg, en hulle drie dogters. Hy is 'n hondeliefhebber en 'n sport-entoesias wat graag tennis, padel en gholf speel, en is ook lief vir die buitelewe.

Programme

Stellenbosch University (SU)
Rector and Vice-Chancellor Inauguration Ceremony

Programme Director

Dr Ronel Retief, SU Registrar

Pre-ceremony entertainment

SU Conquering Spirits Ensemble conducted by Dr Ncebakazi Mnukwana

The academic procession enters the hall

Music by SU Brass Ensemble

Conductor: Pamela Kierman and Organist: Roelof van der Merwe

Constitution of congregation

Dr Lesetja Kganyago, SU Chancellor

Opening remarks

Dr Ronel Retief

Moment of devotion

Prof Nico Koopman, SU Deputy Vice-Chancellor:
Social Impact, Transformation and Personnel

Welcome address

Dr Nicky Newton-King, SU Council Chair

Musical performance

"Asimbonanga" by Johnny Clegg
Sung by Athule Tshiwula, SU Music Department student

Presentation of Prof Deresh Ramjugernath and Investiture

Dr Lesetja Kganyago and Dr Ronel Retief

Inaugural address

Prof Deresh Ramjugernath, SU Rector and Vice-Chancellor

SU Choir performance

"Babel" by Mumford & Sons

"Rainmaker" by Hans Zimmer

Conductor: Jaylin Cupido

Felicitation

Representative of the Department of Higher Education and Training of the Republic of South Africa

Sonja Roux, Representative of the SU Vice-Chancellor Circle

Prof Juanita Pienaar, Representative of SU Senate

Dr Theo de Jager, President of SU Convocation

Musical performance

"You raise me up" by Josh Groban

Sung by Sashon Johnson, SU Music Department student

National anthem

Guests accompanied by Sashon Johnson and SU Brass Ensemble

Dissolution of congregation

Dr Lesetja Kganyago

Guests remain standing – academic procession leaves the Endler Hall.

Music by SU Brass Ensemble

The academic procession leaves the building, led by the VGK Cloetesville Brigade and walks from the Endler Hall to Coetzenburg.

Guests are invited to join the procession.

The inauguration is followed by an outdoor afternoon celebration at Coetzenburg.

Scan the QR code for this afternoon's celebration programme.

Inkqubo

UMsitho wokuBekwa kweNqununu neNgqonyela yeYunivesithi yaseStellenbosch

Umphathi wenkqubo

UGqr Ronel Retief, uMbhalisi waseSU

Ukonwabisa kwaphambi komsitho

I-SU Conquering Spirits Ensemble ibhexeshwa nguGqr Ncebakazi Mnukwana

Umngcelele wezifundiswa ungena eholweni

Umculo weSU Brass Ensemble

UMbhexeshi: nguPamela Kierman noMdlali weOgani: uRoelof van der Merwe

Ukuvulwa kwendibano

UGqr Lesetja Kganyago, iNgqonyela

Amazwi okuvula

UGqr Ronel Retief, uMbhalisi

Umzuzu wokuzinikela

UNjing Nico Koopman, iSekela leSekelaNgqonyela eSU:
weFuthe kwezeNtlalo, iiNguqu naBasebenzi

Intetho yokwamkela

UGqr Nicky Newton-King, uSihlalo weBhunga laseSU

Umculo eqongeni

Ingoma ethi 'Asimbonanga' kaJohnny Clegg

iculwa nguAthule Tshiwula, umfundi wakwiSebe lezoMculo laseSU

Ukuziswa kukaNjing Deresh Ramjugernath nokubekwa kwakhe

UGqr Lesetja Kganyago noGqr Ronel Retief

Intetho yokubekwa

NguNjing Deresh Ramjugernath, iNqununu neNgqonyela waseSU

Umculo wekwayala yaseSU

Iculo elithi 'Babel' likaMumford & Sons
Iculo elithi 'Rainmaker' likaHans Zimmer
Umbhexeshi: nguJaylin Cupido

Amazwi ovuyiswano

NguAthule Tshiwula ekhatshwa yiBrass Quintet yeYunivesithi yaseStellenbosch

Ukuchithwa kweNdibano

UMmeli weSebe lezeMfundo ePhakamileyo noQeqesho kwiLizwe loMzantsi Afrika USonja Roux, uMmeli weSangqa sikaSekelaNgqonyela waseSU UNjing Juanita Pienaar, uMmeli weSeneyithi yaseSU

UGqr Theo de Jager, uMongameli weNgqungquthela yaseSU

Umculo eqongeni

Ingoma ethi 'You raise me up' kaJosh Groban

Iculwa nguSashon Johnson, umfundi wakwiSebe lezoMculo laseSU

Umhobe wesizwe

Iindwendwe zikhatshwa nguSashon Johnson

neSU Brass Ensemble

Ukuvalwa kwendibano

UGqr Lesetja Kganyago

Iindwendwe zimile - umngcelele wezifundiswa uyaphuma eholweni

Umculo weSU Brass Ensemble

Umngcelele wezifundiswa uyaphuma kwisakhiwo, ukhokelwe yiVGK Cloetesville Brigade uhamba ngeenyawo usuka kwiHolo iEndler usiya eCoetzenburg.

Ukubekwa kulandelwa ngumbhiyozo waphandle wasemva kwemini eCoetzenburg.

Program

Inhuldigingsplegtigheid van die Universiteit Stellenbosch (US) Rektor en Visekanselier

Programdirekteur

Dr Ronel Retief, US Registrateur

Voorafvermaak

US Conquering Spirits-ensemble onder leiding van dr Ncebakazi Mnukwana

Die akademiese prosessie kom die saal binne

Musiek deur US Koperblaasensemble

Met Pamela Kierman as dirigent en Roelof van der Merwe as orrelis

Konstituering van byeenkoms

Dr Lesetja Kganyago, US Kanselier

Openingsopmerkings

Dr Ronel Retief

Oomblik van toewyding

Prof Nico Koopman, US Viserektor: Sosiale Impak, Transformasie en Personeel

Verwelkomingsrede

Dr Nicky Newton-King, US Raadsvoorsitter

Musiekuitvoering

"Asimbonanga" deur Johnny Clegg

Gesing deur Athule Tshiwula, student aan die US Musiekdepartement

Voorstelling van prof Deresh Ramjugernath en ampsbekleding

Dr Lesetja Kganyago en dr Ronel Retief

Intreerede

Prof Deresh Ramjugernath, US Rektor en Visekanselier

Uitvoering deur US koor

"Babel" deur Mumford & Sons
"Rainmaker" deur Hans Zimmer
Met Jaylin Cupido as dirigent

Gelukwensing

Verteenwoordiger van die Departement van Hoër Onderwys en Opleiding van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika

Sonja Roux, verteenwoordiger van die US Visekanselierskring

Prof Juanita Pienaar, verteenwoordiger van die US Senaat

Dr Theo de Jager, president van die US Konvokasie

Musiekuitvoering

"You raise me up" deur Josh Groban
Gesing deur Sashon Johnson, student aan die US Musiekdepartement

Nasionale lied

Gaste begelei deur Sashon Johnson en US Koperblaasensemble

Verdaging van byeenkoms

Dr Lesetja Kganyago

Gaste bly staan terwyl akademiese prosessie die saal verlaat.
Musiek deur US Koperblaasensemble

Die akademiese prosessie verlaat die gebou onder leiding van die VGK Cloetesville Brigade en stap van die Endlersaal na Coetzenburg. Gaste word genooi om by die prosessie aan te sluit.

Die inhuldiging word gevolg deur 'n buitelug-namiddagviering by Coetzenburg.

Skandeer die QR-kode vir vanmiddag se feesprogram.

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Rector and Vice-Chancellor Inauguration Ceremony

1 October 2025 • Endler Hall

UMsitho wokuBekwa kweNqununu neNgqonyela

1 EyeDwarha 2025 • kwiHolo iEndler

Inhuldigingsplegtigheid van die Rektor en Visekanselier

1 Oktober 2025 • Endlersaal

forward together • sonke siya phambili • saam vorentoe