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UNISA Chancellor's Calabash Awards 2022

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The Unisa Chancellor, Dr Thabo Mbeki will, on Friday, 25 November 2022, present various acknowledgement awards to some outstanding South Africans and Unisa Alumni for their contribution towards the overall development of society. These are persons and organisations who have contributed significantly to shaping futures in the service of humanity.

The 2022 Chancellor's Calabash Awards takes place at the Houghton Hotel from 18:00 for 18:30. Members of the media are invited to attend the event.

Categories and nominees are as follows:

- The Outstanding Educator Award acknowledges the contribution of any outstanding educator who has excelled in or advanced teaching learning, skills development and/or research in their area of expertise. It will be presented to the Centre of Epidemic Response and Innovation (CERI), an academic and research entity that seeks to strengthen Africa's capacity and response to its own epidemics and pandemics.
- The Outstanding Alumna Award acknowledges an outstanding alumna who has excelled in their area of expertise and has made a significant contribution to our society. It will be presented to Ms Zanele Joyce Matlala.
- The Public Servant Award recognizes South Africans who have made significant contributions in the service of humanity. It will be presented to Gift of the Givers for *social justice* as well as to the National Women's Soccer Team (Banyana Banyana). The latter is given the award for its contribution to social cohesion.
- The Unisa Robben Island Alumnus Award recognizes the role of political prisoners/activists (men and women) who sacrificed immensely towards the liberation of South Africa. It will be presented to Dr Gaby Thono Magomola who was incarcerated on Robben Island for participating in anti-apartheid activities.



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