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UCT honours late Professor Bongani Mayosi with befitting legacy project

The University of Cape Town (UCT) is celebrating and honouring the legacy of the late Professor Bongani Mayosi through a collection of projects under the banner of the [Bongani Mayosi Legacy Project](#). These include the library project, [the Mayosi Research collaborative](#), the Bongani Mayosi Foundation and a permanent exhibition of his work, to name a few.

In addition, the launch of the legacy project on 28 January, which would have been Professor Mayosi's 53rd birthday, marked the first of UCT's annual lecture in his honour and the renaming of the Health Sciences library into the Bongani Mayosi Health Sciences Library.

Reflecting on his legacy, Professor Mashiko Setshedi, UCT's head of medical gastroenterology said: "Through this legacy project we reflect on his lived experience, the values he subscribed to, and to thank the universe for a life well lived. Professor Mayosi's most enduring legacy was his desire for excellence – he expected this of himself and of others. He lifted as he rose. Bongani's legacy is expansive; it is in the way he lived his life, the things he did, the way he did them and the lasting impact they have had and continue to have, even after his passing."

The UCT libraries also launched an [open access bibliography](#) of a compilation of Professor Mayosi's published original research, opinion pieces, editorials, health reports and policy positions from 1989 - 2019. The purpose of this bibliography is to assist in locating Professor Mayosi's scholarship, and to share such with fellow researchers and the public in general.

Professor Mpiko Ntsheke, head of cardiology at UCT commented: "With his untimely passing in 2018 at the tender age of just 51, Professor Mayosi left behind a powerful legacy of contributions to society, many of which are captured in this wonderful bibliographic compilation of his published original research. This comprehensive bibliography will be a fantastic resource for generations to come, and will serve as a great testimony to his incredible achievements and accomplishment."

Through the Bongani Mayosi Legacy Project the university believes his legacy will continue to have a long-term impact on the aspirations and success of African health sciences

students, academics and researchers thereby giving expression and keeping alive his vision and principles as an inspiration to all.



The Bongani Mayosi permanent exhibition

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