



Congratulations to the Matric class of 2020

A matric year, by its very nature, is a trying and stressful year for all learners and, interestingly, for parents as well. I am sure that at the beginning of 2020, you were eager to do your best to finish matric in style. Little did you (or any of us) know that the Covid-19 pandemic would hit our shores and turn all our lives upside down. All of a sudden you were plunged into unimaginable levels of uncertainty.

I can imagine you listening to commentators and analysts talking about the possibility of the academic year being scrapped. "Are these people crazy?" you probably asked in disbelief. Talk of online learning probably sounded like a foreign language to you. While preparing for the examinations, you might have had Covid-19 or might even have had to contend with burying loved ones.

I can only imagine what you went through.

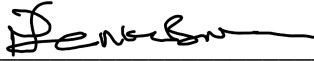
However, your determination and resiliency has yielded your success. We are all very proud of you. My wish is that the new chapter in your lives become all that you want it to be. As you begin to explore your new life, always remember that you are not alone.

At this stage, you are most probably anxious about what post-school life has in store for you. You may be asking yourself: Will I make it? What about friends? Have I chosen the right field of study? These fears are understandable! But remember what former South African President Nelson Mandela once said: "It always seems impossible until it's done." Throw caution to the wind and dive in. The level of discipline you have acquired and the self-mastery you have gained navigating the pandemic while preparing to write matric, will indeed put you in good stead.

We, however, would like to encourage matriculants who did not succeed never to lose hope but regroup, reorganise and retake your second chance for in life success is always guaranteed but the determination and will to overcome obstacles always yields success or opportunities.

We look forward to welcoming those of you who have applied to study at Unisa and encourage you to look for all information and contact details you need for your enquiries on our website www.unisa.ac.za. You are also welcomed to check relevant information on all unisa, student information portals and our social media platform

Kind regards



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