



## Professor André du Preez (1937–2020)

Marie and Alma du Preez

Today we remember the remarkable life of Professor André du Preez, celebrated academic and leader, beloved family man and trusted friend. Professor du Preez recently, October 2020, passed away peacefully at the age of 83 after a short illness.

Professor du Preez came from humble beginnings; his mother was a teacher and his father a postmaster. He matriculated at age 16 from the then JJ du Preez high school in Parow.

First, he studied law and became a public prosecutor but soon realised the job was not for him and decided to pursue pharmacy.

He started his career in education as a lecturer in Pharmacology at the Potchefstroom University for CHE, and then moved to the University of the North where he developed the Pharmacy school. He later became the Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Durban Westville.

Professor du Preez served on many councils and boards. Many years ago, he was the president of the South African Pharmacy

Students Federation. He was a member of the SA Pharmacy Council, the SA Medical and Dental Council, Natal Education Council, and many others.

The last position Professor du Preez held was as principle of the Technikon Natal, now known as the Durban University of Technology.

He will be most remembered for his Strategic Transformation Programme where he developed a tertiary institute on par with a University, but which offered technical education in certain fields. He used his extensive knowledge and experience in tertiary education and reformed the concept of the technical colleges into Technikons which formed the basis of what we now know as Universities of Technology.

Professor André du Preez is survived by his wife, sons and daughter, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

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## Maropeng Phil Setsiba

The Limpopo branches of the PSSA and SAAHIP were saddened to learn about the passing of the Director and the Head of Pharmaceutical Services (HOPS) in Limpopo Province, Mr Maropeng Phil Setsiba, on 11 September 2020.

Mr Setsiba served in various portfolios within the pharmaceutical directorate in the Limpopo Provincial Department of Health. He was thoughtful and generous, and his devotion to the pharmacy

profession was admirable. He had always been supportive of all SAAHIP led activities. He was always referred to as "Bra Phil" due to his humble approach. Pharmaceutical services will never be the same without him.

The PSSA and SAAHIP (Limpopo) send their deepest condolences to his family, the pharmacy community and Limpopo Department of Health at large. May his soul rest in perfect peace.