
Profile of Dr Mulingoni Eric Makhwanya

Dr Mulingoni Eric Makhwanya graduated with a BSC degree in 1995 at the University of Venda. He went on to register for a BSC(Hons) in Physics in the same institution and graduated in 1997. He is one of the first cohorts of graduates in BSC(Hons) in physics at the University of Venda.

He worked as a Mathematics tutor while studying for BSC(Hons). Thereafter, he was appointed as a Lab Technician for Physics in 1996 and worked until 1998.

Makhwanya went to the Medical University of South Africa (Medunsa) to study for a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery(MBCHB) which he completed in 2004. While studying in Medunsa, he was appointed as a part-time lecturer in Biophysics.

After completion of his studies in Medunsa, he was appointed as a Medical Doctor in the Department of Health in Limpopo Province and stationed in Tshilidzini Hospital. In 2007, he opened his private practice and served as a director. He donated in monetary and non-monetary terms to local secondary schools including Thase Secondary school in which he matriculated.

Eric comes from humble beginnings. The practice aims at boosting the morale and self-esteem of young school kids from poor backgrounds. To Eric, the background of a kid never determines his future. Moreover, through the practice, Eric donated and still donates gasoline to poor communities to pump water for their livelihoods and bringing back their dignity.

In the same year in which he opened the practice above, he opened a Medical practice and still practices as a Medical doctor in Thohoyandou, opposite Thavhani Mall.

His acts of generosity and philanthropy did not end in secondary schools and communities. He started to donate to the University of Venda graduation awards in 2010 and continues even today. He donated towards five categories of awards in the School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences for all these years for a total value of more than R110 000.

Makhwanya is a humble man who believes in serving humanity especially the previously marginalized and poor. With his busy schedule as a medical doctor, he still makes time to visit his alma mater during events such as graduation ceremonies, time to interact with awardees.

He is a man who carries the honour of graduating from UNIVEN and continues to give from his pocket and talent, which are a great measure of public service and public support. To borrow from the former President of the United States of America and professor of Public Administration, Professor Wilson Woodrow, Makhwanya is a 'man sent out from the university as a man of his nation and as a man of his time'.

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