HONORARY DOCTORATES

STELLENBOSCH University will confer honorary doctorates on six remarkable individuals in recognition of their extraordinary efforts to change the world for the better through the performing arts, economics, higher education, women’s health, equal opportunities for people with disabilities, and rural development.

Their contributions to society through education, activism and research also embody the values underpinning SU’s Vision 2040 – compassion, respect, excellence, accountability and equity.

Here are the recipients:

- Nasima Badsha grew up in South Africa and the UK and has made outstanding contributions to South African higher education for more than 30 years.
- Rachel Kachaje from Malawi is a well-known activist with over 25 years’ experience in advocating for equal opportunities and rights for persons with disabilities across the globe.
- Dr Bonisile John Kani is being recognised for his 50-year career in the performing arts and playwriting, not only in South Africa, but globally.
- Prof Quarraisha Abdool Karim is a prominent National Research Foundation A-rated South African scientist and epidemiologist.
- Dr Uma Lele, born in Maharashtra, India, is being honoured for her leadership in the theory and practice of rural development globally.
- Professor Leonard Wantchekon from Benin founded his own university – the African School of Economics.

The honorary degrees will be conferred at the December 2019 graduation ceremonies and those in March and April 2020.