

THE 11TH MATTHEW GONIWE MEMORIAL LECTURE

The Matthew Goniwe School of Leadership and Governance (MGSLG) hosted its 11th Matthew Goniwe Memorial Lecture, commemorating the legacy of Matthew Goniwe, an anti-apartheid activist, educator, and community leader.

The event was held on 10 October 2024, at The Venue Melrose Arch, Johannesburg, featuring guest speaker Dr. Naledi Pandor, Mr. Matome Chiloane, MEC for Gauteng Education, Sport, Arts and Culture and various dignitaries, including members of the Goniwe family and representatives from educational institutions and teacher unions.

The theme of the lecture was “30 Years of transforming education in South Africa: Empowering Teachers, enhancing outcomes”.

Dr. Naledi Pandor delivered an inspiring keynote address. Her speech emphasized the challenges and opportunities for education transformation in contested contexts.

Key highlights of the event:

·Reflections on South Africa’s History: Dr. Naledi Pandor emphasized the importance of remembering South Africa’s history to avoid corruption and inefficiency in governance. She stressed that understanding the sacrifices of leaders like Goniwe can inspire integrity and better public service.

- Commemoration of Matthew Goniwe’s Legacy: Matthew Goniwe’s dedication to education and the anti-apartheid movement was honored. His life story, marked by activism and a commitment to equality, was highlighted as an inspiration.
- MGSLG’s Role and Future Plans: CEO Sibusiso Mahlangu outlined the MGSLG’s achievements in education over the past two decades and its goal to become a Higher Education Institution. The organization aims to continue enhancing leadership and governance in the education sector.
- Cultural and Educational Significance: Performances by the Molefi Oliphant School of Specialization added cultural richness to the event, while Dr. Pandor’s speech provided educational insights for learners and attendees.

The lecture was also graced by the presence of the Goniwe Family and Cradock community.

Dr. Dempsey Noge and Ms. Jessica Ngobeni were the programme directors on the day. Their professionalism ensured a seamless flow, keeping the audience engaged throughout. The lecture attracted 239 registered delegates, a diverse audience lent a personal and meaningful aspect to the event.

