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Ernest Mancoba obtained his matriculation and studied for a few years towards his Bachelors of Arts at the South African Native College, which would become the University of Fort Hare (1930 to 1934). The university was set up for the tertiary education of non-white Africans from the continent. In this letter, he accepts the honorary doctoral degree being awarded by the University.

TRANSCRIPTION

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[sender: Ernest]

[addressed to: University of Fort Hare, attention of Mr N.J. Jooste, Acting Registrar]

[date: 2 April 1996]

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Thank you for your kind letter,informing me of the wonderful gesture which Fort Hare University has made towards our little family and myself,in awarding me the Degree Honoris Causa.

It is with the most profound gratitude ,that I,naturally, accept this honour,as one who owes so much ,for the little I have achieved, and for the meetings and the dialogue I was able to have with so many interesting people ,later in life,to the quality and coherence of the education received as a student in the lecture-rooms of your magnificent university, that has also been so vital for the formation of many other Africans,in a time of trial and hardships,a factor that has proved to be of a life-and-death importance with regard to the challenge of infinite magnitude now facing our country,our people as well as the rest of Mankind.

I am willing to attend the ceremonies which You mention , and the celebrations of the 80th anniversary of Fort Hare's foundation. But I must acknowledge that I do not have,at the moment,the financial means to travel to South Africa.This would be my only reason for missing such an important occasion.Provided the material possibility is given and ,at the age of 92,health allowing,I shall be present.

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Believe that I am,with all my heart,
yours [signed Ernest Mancoba]

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