VUSELELA TVET COLLEGE

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MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL



MR DJ SMITH

We live in challenging but exciting times. However South Africans can't sit back and relax. As staff and students you became part of the Vuselela community and in your time here you will be offered the opportunity to positively contribute to the development of yourself, your college, your community and in many ways the microcosm of South Africa.

As college students and our country's next generation of leaders, you have an important role to play in creating the kind of society you want to live in.

This endeavour starts with yourself by obtaining a meaningful qualification and tangible skills that will lead to your employment, be it self-employment or a corporate career.

Towards this remember the following balancing act:

Be aware
know the amount of academic work you have.

Be smart
plan ahead and do your work in advance. Don't wait until it is close to submission dates.

Balance
live a balanced life.

Manage
manage your time well and note down all important dates such as test dates.

Prioritise
know what is most important in your student life and prioritise your academic responsibilities.

Remember...
never panic, stay calm.

INTERNATIONAL SKILLS PARTNERSHIPS PROJECT

Vuselela TVET College has success-fully completed the first year (2015 - 2016) of the International Skills Partnerships Project with the British Council. Funding was obtained from the British Council to continue the Skills for Employability Project and Vuselela TVET College was linked in partnership with Northern Regional College (NRC) from Northern Ireland. The project commenced on 1 June 2016 and ended on 31 August 2017.

This is a one year project whereby 4 lecturers and 60 students from two countries participated in two 'problem-based learning' projects aimed at developing new, innovative, creative curricula in the fields of Travel and Tourism and Business Studies.

This was a unique opportunity to engage Travel and Tourism and Business Studies students with employers in an innovative way.

Individual assignments drawn from existing course work are identified, shared and common group case studies are developed for both Travel and Tourism and Business Studies.

Overall student employability skills are enhanced as students develop skills in communication, team building, problem solving, critical thinking and learning to learn.

Lecturing staff benefit personally and professionally through their exposure to their subject within an international context.

During the week of 5 - 10 March 2017 the following staff members from the Northern Regional College in Northern Ireland visited Vuselela TVET College: Mr Abraham, Ms McLeod and Ms McCullum.

The following campuses were visited:

KLERKSDORP CENTRE FOR BUSINESS STUDIES







POTCHEFSTROOM CENTRE FOR ICT STUDIES





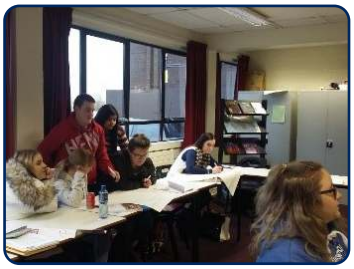
JOUBERTON CENTRE FOR ENGINEERING STUDIES





MS A PITTS, MS C SEBOLAI AND MS M VAN TONDER VISITED NORTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE IN NORTHERN IRELAND FROM 06 MAY - 13 MAY 2017. THE FOLLOWING CAMPUSES WERE VISITED:

BALLYMENA CAMPUS



Tourism and Travel Classroom



Woodwork Workshop



Bricklaying Workshop



Motor Mechanical Workshop





Robotics Workshop

TROSTAN AVENUE CAMPUS







Hospitality Laboratory





Beauty and Hair Salon

The following campuses were visited:

NEWTONABBEY CAMPUS





Learning Centre



Electrical Workshop





Heavy Vehicle Workshop

COLERAINE CAMPUS







Media Classroom



Dance Classroom



Production Classroom

NORTHERN MYSTERY BUS TOUR



The Travel and Tourism students from the Ballymena Campus and the Business Services students from the Coleraine Campus showcased their event assignment during our visit.

On Wednesday, 10 May 2017 the event "Northern Mystery Bus Tour" with the theme: Warlocks, Water and Wonder took place.
During our bus tour the following places were visited:


Carrick-a-Rede


Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge


Dark Hedges




Giants Causeway



Ballygally Castle

NEWS FROM KLERKSDORP CENTRE FOR BUSINESS STUDIES

THE CAMPUS MANAGER - MS E DE BEER



Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today. Malcolm X

It seems that every year this statement becomes more relevant – even more so in the TVET sector. It remains our responsibility to ensure that we prepare our students to the best of our abilities to enable them to become productive citizens of our beautiful country!
At Klerksdorp Campus we have engaged in various activities to make sure we deliver on our mandate in order to prepare our students.

Students were involved in various practical tasks and they also experienced the 'real' world first hand. Agriculture students had the opportunity to visit Nampo as arranged by the Campus SRC and ten top-performing Agriculture students were selected as guests of Senwes and parti-cipated in "Nation in Conversation'.

The Wholesale and Retail students visited local malls and got an in-depth look at what happens behind the scenes – and behind the counters.

As a campus we are invested to assist our students to gain access to future job oppor-tunities and to assist them with exit pro-grammes.

Students were placed for Work Based Experience during the holidays and all exit level students went through mock-interviews. The simu-lation room plays a major role in preparing our students.

For the first time N6 students had the opportunity to gain practical, simulated experience as part of the Office Practice pro-gramme.

Our commitment to preparing students resul-ted in an Entrepre-neurship Day on campus where N6 students had the opportunity to par-ticipate and to display their talents and pro-ducts.
We celebrated our stu-dents' excellent results with an Achievers' Day on campus. As always the results of 2016 were excellent and we will still strive to do even better!
We are also excited about some infrastructural upgrades and maintenance that will enhance the ex-perience of students on campus.

All of these activities and achievements would not have been possible if it was not for the strong, dedicated team behind our students. We have experienced that each and every member of staff has the welfare and success of the students as their number one priority! Only through the total dedication of everybody will we be able to prepare our students for the future.
Let us keep putting our students first and prepare them today for tomorrow!

ENTREPRENEURSHIP DAY

Klerksdorp Centre for Business Studies N6 Business Management and Marketing Management students hosted an Entrepreneurship day on Friday, 5 May 2017 in order to demonstrate the practical examples of a profitable business.

The aim of the event was for each student to gain practical experience in the duties and the tasks of running a business. The students had to display his or her own business at their own cost.

It was a wonderful practical experience that was enjoyed by fellow students and it was well supported by staff members.

Entrepreneurship Day took place from 9:00 to 13:00. They rendered different types of services:



***Car wash:** Washed staff members' and students' cars; prices ranged from R40 to R60 per car depending on the size of the car.*



***Catering Services:** Sold different kinds of food to demonstrate their catering products.*



N6 Business Management students in front of the Cinema class ready for Entrepreneurship day



Beauty Salon:
Designed an exceptional range of health and beauty treatments to promote the feeling of well-being and general good health.
They pampered clients (fellow students and staff members) to perfection with treatments such as: neck massages, nail treatment (manicures and pedicures), facial treatments and eyelash tinting.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

We had the pleasure of welcoming the following new staff members to reinforce our campus team. We hope that they will enjoy their stay at Klerksdorp Centre for Business Studies.



Mr P Jonker
IT



Mr WA Mongaye
Animal Production Lecturer



Mrs M Khudunyane
LO Lecturer



Mr S Mtayi
IT Intern



Mrs MJ Rakhajane
Intern



Mrs RE Malebo
Intern



Ms M Bareki
Intern



Ms T Twesi
Intern



Ms TA Madonsa
Intern



Ms ZG Ephraims
Intern

WORK-BASED EXPOSURE

Student Support Officer Academic provided guidance to Marketing Management N6, Management Assistant N6, Business Management N6 and NCV L4 students.

Work-based exposure provides experience to our students with many benefits, giving them the skills and experience that will allow them to stand out to potential employers, as well as helping them choose the right sector to work in.

The experience that they gain will help them to improve their career potential, building useful skills that cannot be taught in the classroom, as well as networking opportunities that they would otherwise not be exposed to.

The goal is to equip them with a relevant set of work and life skills and enable them to learn more about themselves and the possible career paths available.

The programme also encourages students to contribute actively to the society and the organisations that they work with.

Sixty N6 students participated in the work-based experience programme during the March holidays. They were placed at the following companies: Itsoseng Hospital, Klerksdorp Hospital, Hartswater SAB, Bothaville SAPS, Klerksdorp Court, Stilfontein Court and Mafikeng Court. They were thoroughly prepared for work placement during career guidance classes, enabling them to cope in a working environment and equipping them with job hunting skills.

NAMPO HARVEST DAY



Primary Agriculture Level 3 and Level 4 students at Nampo Harvest day



Primary Agriculture Level 4 students at Nampo as Senwes guests

On Friday, 19 May 2017, the Level 3 and Level 4 Primary Agriculture students visited Nampo as part of learning exposure in the Agriculture sector.

They were the guests of Senwes, (Nation in conversation project) - they had a chance to discuss issues that they are challenged with, as well as discuss opportunities in the Agriculture sector.

They had a chance to rub shoulders with the following Companies: Afgri, Grain SA, Engen, Senwes, Nedbank, John Deere and Monsanto.

EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO POTCHEFSTROOM AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE



On Thursday, 25 May 2017, the Level 4 Primary Agriculture students visited the Potchefstroom Agriculture College for a demonstration of artificial insemination, conditional scoring and dairy production as part of their ISAT's. The students were taken through the theoretical part of the three fields before they did it practically, under supervision.



Primary Agriculture Level 4 visited the dairy parlour at Potchefstroom Agricultural College

Achievers' Day

On Thursday, 20 April 2017, the Campus held the annual Achievers' Day in the staff room. The top three achievers of each programme were awarded certificates of performance and gifts for acknowledgment of hard work.

Mrs de Beer, the Campus Manager, welcomed and addressed the guests during the function. The campus was privileged to have the Senior Management team from Corporate Centre attending the function.

Top Awards:

Report 191(NATED): Letsoge TP was awarded a certificate and trophy for the best performance

NC(V): Mofokeng PB was awarded a certificate and trophy for best performance. The students felt honoured and enjoyed refreshments with their lecturers and the rest of campus staff members to celebrate the memorable day.



Mrs de Beer, Campus Manager addressing the top achievers



FIBROMYALGIA AWARENESS AND TEKKIE TAX CAMPAIGN







On Friday, 26 May 2017, our campus celebrated an Awareness Day for Fibromyalgia (a complex chronic pain disorder that causes widespread pain and tenderness to touch).

Mrs Ronel Dyman, who suffers from this condition, was the 'resident' speaker whereby she shared some information to create awareness.

The staffroom was decorated in purple (the colour associated with Fibromyalgia) and the staff dressed up in purple gear. A purple-and-white ribbon was sold to staff members for R10 to raise funds for Cancer. Tekkie Tax stickers were also sold for R10 per sticker and staff could wear tekkies on that day. They brought refreshments to share during the celebration. The donations received went towards Cancer Research. What a beautiful day!!

HEAIDS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

On Wednesday, 22 and Thursday, 23 March 2017, the Department of Higher Education and training in cooperation with Student Support Social, organised the HEAIDS awareness campaign. The aim was to encourage students and staff to test for HIV, to screen for sugar, diabetes, cholesterol and tuberculosis and to check blood pressure. There was a lucky draw competition which was sponsored by the Department. The prize for completion was a R50 Shoprite voucher.

Ten students from this campus were trained as peer educators on 15 -17 March 2017, at Villa de la Rosa. This was to enable them to persuade and encourage fellow students to care about their health. Most of the students took this opportunity to participate.



Peer Educators conducting the lucky draw of HEAIDS awareness



Mrs Olifant annouces the winner of the lucky draw of the HEAIDS competition

MRS C SEBOLAI'S VISIT TO THE UNITED KINGDOM (ENGLAND)

Vuselela TVET College has a partnership with Northern Regional College which is situated in the North East of Northern Ireland.

Three of our College staff members left the country on 6 May 2017 and returned to SA on 13 May 2017. Mrs NC Sebolai was one of the delegates and represented the Business Studies Programme offered at our College.

Northern Regional College has seven campuses around the north-east of Northern Ireland, eg, Ballymena, Ballymoney, Coleraine, Felden, Larne, Magherafelt and Newtownabbey. The College offers the following qualifications. AS/A2 Levels, BTEC, Diplomas like National Vocational Qualifications (NVQs) or Vocational Related Qualifications (VRQs), Essential Skills or English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) - which supports speakers of other languages based within the UK to develop their English language skills for work, further learning or everyday life., GCSE, Higher National Certificate (HNC/), Higher National Diploma (HND) and Foundation Degrees which prepares students for University degrees.

Vocational Qualifications (such as Level 3 BTEC courses) are practical and work-related. They offer real-life experience, including residential trips, working with real clients, work-based scenarios, work experience and much more. There's also lots of flexibility. Some courses are not timetabled from 9:00 to 15:30 each day. Instead, you study your modules over 2 years full-time and the resulting Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma is equivalent to 3 A Levels. Courses are based on assignments and coursework, with no set examinations.

All full-time students at the Northern Regional College have the opportunity to improve their English, Maths and IT skills and gain qualifications. The qualification you take will depend on the qualification you already have. If you do not have a grade C or above in GCSE English, Maths or ICT, you MUST do Essential Skills. This will form a compulsory part of your timetable



Work-based learning is simi students spend most of their time with an employer - typically three days per week. The rest of the week is spent at college working towards qualifications.

However, unlike apprenticeships, those doing work-based learning are not paid by the employer providing their work placement. Instead, they receive travel expenses and a weekly allowance subject to attendance.

Northern Regional College helps participants find their work placement. The college secures placements for their students and this is funded by government.

The Northern Regional College aims to enable people who suffer from a medical condition, learning difficulties and/ or disabilities to access, participate and progress within and from learning programmes, through the establishment of appropriate support mechanisms. They are working towards an environment and curriculum which meets the needs of ALL students.

Students that require support from the College with their educational needs, should in the first instance, fill in an Education Support form and return it to reception at their campus. The Education Support team will then contact them to discuss their needs and how they can best meet them.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING – ENTERING THE WORKPLACE

On Thursday, 9 March 2017, a training session for Interns took place at our campus. It was conducted with the aim of equipping them with professional skills in the workplace. This was part of an induction programme initiated by the campus Simulation room lecturers and Management team.

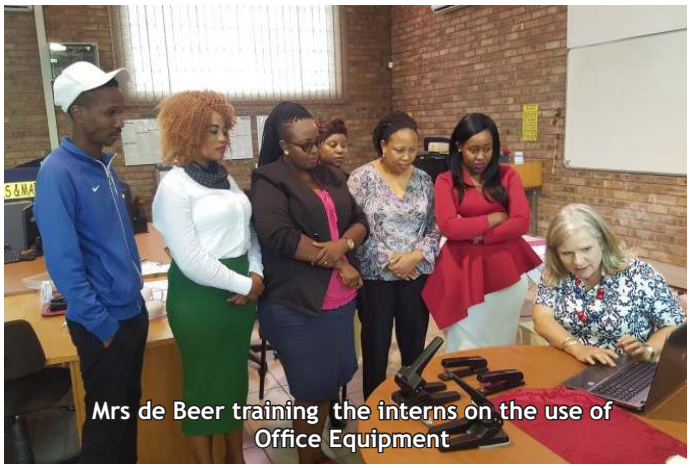
As a Campus we take pride in rendering the best service to our valuable customers hence we initiated the programme, to assist our Interns to be more effective and efficient in performing their daily tasks on this Campus. It is of utmost importance to have pro- active and professional employees as this promotes good quality customer service.

This initiative will assist the campus to be highly recommended by our customers due to service rendered by professional staff members. The following aspects were emphasized in this training; Professional dress code, Telephone etiquette, Serving refreshment in a workplace, Office etiquette, Introduction of QMS, Customer service and Basic office equipment and Leave management. The following staff members were involved in conducting this training by demonstrating and presenting to the trainees; Mrs E de Beer (Campus Manager), Mrs Sebolai (HOD), Mrs Langenhoven (Senior Lecturer), Mrs Janse van Rensburg (Sim Lecturer), Ms K Serebolo (Sim Lecturer), Mrs Mbetha (Admin Assistant) and Ms R Meyer (HR Practioner)


Mrs Sebolai demonstrating to the interns the serving of tea and refreshments at the training session



Ms Meyer training interns on Customer Care


Mrs de Beer training the interns on the use of Office Equipment


Interns enjoying a cup of tea during training session


Interns enjoying refreshments after the training session



Interns received certificates after training

WHOLESALE & RETAIL LEVEL 2 STUDENTS VISIT MATLOSANA MALL



On Monday, 24 April 2017, the Wholesale & Retail Level 2 students visited Matlosana Mall to conduct an assessment for their ICASS. They were accompanied by their lecturers Mr K Letshaba, Mrs A Janse van Rensburg and Mr E Mogwera. It was a very fruitful day hence a partnership was established between Matlosana Mall Management and Wholesale & Retail Lecturers to benefit the students.

SIMULATION ROOM - GROOMING FUTURE RETAILERS

Wholesale & Retail students are seen operating POS (Point of Sale) in the Simulation room in order to acquire hands-on experience in the operations of Wholesale & Retail industry.





MATLOSANA CENTRE FOR ARTISANS AND LEARNERSHIPS



THE CAMPUS MANAGER – Mr E KREELING

The year 2016 has come and gone, and we find ourselves midway through 2017.
We have had to say goodbye to quite a few of our colleagues, and welcomed a few new ones.

Every year comes with great challenges, and like others, 2017 has its own unique challenge in that we do not have a permanent campus as yet.

There is still a lot of work that must be done, whether we stay or move. As Elizabeth Green said, and I quote, "Sometimes the most ordinary things could be made extraordinary, simply by doing them with the right people." I firmly do believe that the crop of people we have are the ones to take us to the next phase.

We have successfully trained the first group of MISA students who will shortly be in preparation for trade tests. The second group of 61 students are almost at the end of their practical training. We are also almost at completion with the NCV Engineering and Related Design group of Level 4 students training.

Misa through the Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs organized that the Minister of Cogta hand-over PPE and Tools to the learners. We are looking forward to making a difference in the lives of our students and the community.

As campus manager I would like to thank all my colleagues that have contributed thus far in the success of our campus. We have finally received our accreditation as a decentralized trade test centre from the QCTO. There is still a lot of work to be done but we are aiming high and know we will reach our objectives to make Matlosana Campus the campus of choice for studies.

This year came with its personal challenges as myself and Mr J van Niekerk had shoulder operations which interrupted our work efficiency. We are glad the recovery is going well. We are also very proud of the achievements of some of our colleagues' children. Madam M Lolwana's daughter received honours in dancing and Mrs E Moshugi's daughter received accolades as an outstanding leader.
I would like to thank all staff and students for their dedication during the year. The support and dedication did not go unnoticed. My wish is that you may enjoy your holiday break and come back rejuvenated.

The following staff members have retired after several service years at the Department of Education and Vuselela TVET College for several years:



We Will Miss You



Mr J van Niekerk

Dr MC van der Merwe

INTERNS AT MATLOSANA CAMPUS



Ntlebi Tshegofatso
Administration



Mcdonald Sewisa
IT Department



Modiehi Mokoanyane
Administration



Palesa Maine was transferred to the Corporate Centre



Pieter Jonker was transferred to Klerksdorp Centre for Business Studies



Gift Nduku was transferred to Jouberton Centre for Engineering Studies



Laurenti Jantjies was transferred from Potchef-stroom Centre for ICT Studies to Matlosana campus



Vusi Makhita was transferred from Corporate Centre to Matlosana Campus



Siyabonga Maphakis is a peer educator and represented Matlosana Campus in Durban at the HEAIDS conference which took place from 9-11 June 2017.

MINISTERIAL VISIT TO MATLOSANA CAMPUS



The Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Mr Desmond van Rooyen, ended youth month by distributing protective clothing and working tools to 61 apprentices. These apprentices form part of the Municipal Infrastructure Support Agent's (MISA) Artisan Development Programme which is intended to provide trainees with theoretical training, hands-on experience and trade-setting in order for them to qualify as artisans.



Minister Des van Rooyen sharing moments' with Campus Manager Mr E Kreeling and Vuselela TVET staff members during Ministerial visit at Mayfair Village on 27 June 2017



Matlokotsi Nonty was our SRC representative at the South African Further Education and Training for Student Association (SAFETSA) Conference. The conference was held at Motheo TVET College from 18 - 21 May 2017.





The staff members of Matlosana Campus had their year end function at Hartbeespoortdam.

PROUD PARENTS OF MOTLASANA CAMPUS

CHILDREN EXCELLS!



THE DAUGHTER OF MS LOLWANA - OUR LO LECTURER

Ms Lolwana's daughter, Nwabisa Lolwana, together with her fellow dancers were awarded with AAB Performance awards for Ballet classical dancing

ACHIEVEMENT OF THE DAUGHTER OF MS TSHABADIRA - OUR OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR



Otlotleng Tshabadira, a Grade 6 leaner from KPS, earned a spot in the North West U/12 Netball Team

NEWS FROM POTCHEFTROOM CENTRE FOR ICT STUDIES

THE CAMPUS MANAGER – MS N MOFULATSI



"The great excitement of the future is that we can shape it..." Charles Handy. The TVET Colleges exist to shape the future of the South African economy. It is for this reason they are now being marketed as the first choice leading to attractive career options for the majority of the South African youth. They are seen as key in producing skilled workers to help grow the economy.

Although we experience many challenges, we have to face them head on. We do not have to dwell on them as they will prevent us from producing the country's most needed skills.

We are grateful to the students who have made Potchefstroom Campus their college of choice. We are further grateful and indebted to the parents, guardians and all stakeholders for having entrusted us with this enormous task of shaping the minds of these students to the ultimate benefit of our communities and the country. It is a mandate that you as the students, parents, and stakeholders alike have set up for us to carry, and this we, as the staff of this campus, will take on with all the might we have to see it through: this is our pledge. We always strive to do everything in our humanly power to assist our students in acquiring the skills that will make them employable in the workplace. You have all made the right choice because great efforts are being made by our staff members to ensure that you get exposed to the world of work even before you complete your studies. Our Tourism lecturers successfully hosted a capacity building workshop for the Tourism students. We managed to secure a long term partnership with the provincial Department of Tourism and it resulted in having 12 of our students placed with OJ Travel and Tours Agency in Potchefstroom. This is one of the many examples that can be cited to show that there are endless opportunities that come with a qualification acquired from a technical vocational education and training college. You must always know that you are unique and you have the capacity for anything. Set your goals high and don't stop 'till you achieve them. Don't allow negative ideas to hijack your thinking.

Thanks to all the staff members who work tirelessly ensuring that they provide the students that have been entrusted to us with the necessary knowledge that will enable them to take their place in the workplace of the 21st century. Collectively, we can shape the future of the country we envisage and yearn for, with excitement.

Words to live by in 2017.
"Sow a thought, reap an action,
Sow an action, reap a habit,
Sow a habit, reap a character,
Sow a character, reap a destiny"
"Samuel Smiles"





Mr TS Modise sharing his experience on the message that was shared by Rod on cancer awareness day. He was lighting a candle on cancer awareness day.



Potchefstroom staff members on Breast Cancer Awareness Day.



Admin staff of Potchefstroom celebrating Valentine's Day



Alone we can do so little together we can do so much - this was the motto for this team. Although everyone was not ready to participate in the same game, everyone was prepared to participate. Nobody won the match but everyone was in good spirit after lots of laughter and fun.



Potchefstroom Centre for ICT Studies celebrating Africa day on the 31 May 2017. The Department of Communication together with Tlokwe City Council invited Dr. Mafisa to be the guest speaker.

TOURISM INDABA – DURBAN

Twelve Tourism N5 and N6 students attended the annual travel show, Durban Tourism Indaba from the 15th- 19th May 2017.

It is part of their syllabus to attend Tourism events and or travel shows, but due to financial constraints, only these few managed to cover the excursion costs from their own pockets.

During the February Tourism motivation session, six of our tourism students were chosen to be mentored by Mr. O.J. Tshamboko of OJ Travel and Tours Agency for a period of 12 months, where they will gain practical experience and hours towards their Diploma.

Six students managed to pay to attend the travel show, and were combined with the chosen six to form a committee called "Youth in Tourism" that will be working with Tourism stakeholders within the North-West province to create better future opportunities for Tourism students all across the province.

Youth in Tourism structure was then taken under the wing by the MEC of Tourism in the North West province, to become tourism ambassadors and work closely with her on all her youth events during her current term.

On the journey to Durban, the students passed through four provinces namely North-West, Free State, Gauteng and Kwa Zulu-Natal, towns, attractions and the toll-gates. Tourism syllabus deals with Itineraries, Marketing, Events and different types of accommodation establishments, ticketing, communication channels etc., and students covered all these during the excursion.

On arrival, the team went to King Shaka Airport in the Durban North area, where they saw departure and arrival terminals, shops, airport facilities that they cover in Travel Services and continued to different hotels within the marine parade to experience the entire Hotel Reception syllabus practically.

From the 16th -18th May 2017 the students went to the Inkosi Albert Luthuli Durban ICC for the Tourism Indaba, where they went through registration processes and walked around the exhibition halls for all different traders and worked in the North-West province stall. They experienced different provinces, African countries and some international countries and Islands gaining vast tourism information.

We explored the city, visiting some tourist attractions such as the Moses Mabhida stadium, Ushaka marine, the biggest malls north and south of Durban, Marine airport, Flee markets, the harbour and went on a small boat cruise to learn more about types of ships and their uses.

Students had to plan the whole trip and developed an Itinerary that we used for the entire excursion, which they deal with more in the N6 syllabus. Truly such opportunities are of importance as they gain vast knowledge and experience through such excursions. They managed to cover all the subjects especially communication, as they had to express themselves and market their province.



NEWS FROM TAUNG CAMPUS

THE CAMPUS MANAGER - MR S NTWE



This is the campus on the move towards the saving of life through clean air, atmosphere and health, promoting a greener future. The aim of this initiative is to create a supportive space for the communities of practice in organizational and Human Resource Development to meet, and to engage in good practices in the development of workplace actions through which to address the climatic changes and challenges. The move will engage in diversity and inclusiveness in our Campus workforce, with the intention of managing performance for growth and development.

The Campus will also not lose sight to its intention to include Primary Agriculture in 2018, championed by the relevant Program Managers from the Head Office of Vuselela TVET College. The Campus will work with the Department of Environmental Affairs, through an arrangement best suited to both parties, to support the greening networks as part of the Biodiversity Human Capital Development strategy of 2010-2030. This was implemented through GreenMatter skills development for Biodiversity partnerships. The Campus has already established our Green Team with men and woman who will oversee the progress and source funding to maximize the potential of such an initiative.

The question remains…...Will we move, can we move together?





ASSESSMENT



It is that time of the year again. Everyone is busy with assessments and examinations and the Level 4 Hospitality students are preparing cocktails for their PAT assessment.



MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT DAY

Mr Kekana, the lecturer for Communication N4 to N6, organises a Management Assistant Day every year. They celebrated 5 years of this event in 2017. On 2 May 2017 the Management Assistant Day was celebrated by awarding students for good performance in different categories, i.e. Presentation Communication, which is oral communication in class and a spelling competition. Mr Kekana designed the certificates that were awarded to students. The students prepared the tables according to instruction from Mr Kekana for a mini conference, and they decorated the tables themselves. Mr Kekana invited the management, staff and the local radio to support the students. It was a very successful event that the students look forward to each year.







INTERNS



Taung Campus has 17 interns at the campus placed in different departments to experience the practical side of their training; Management Assistant, Human Resources, IT, Hospitality, Marketing Management and Business Management.

Diploma & Certificate Ceremony

The Diploma and Certificate Ceremony of Vuselela TVET College took place on Thursday, 25 May 2017 at Mayfair Village. ABSA was the main sponsor of the event and Nedbank also sponsored gifts to students and staff members.



The guest speaker at this event was Mr OTD Matshediso. He is easily recognizable amongst our county's students/youth and community activists, as he has held various responsibilities in Student Governance, Youth Organizations, and Community based Organisations, most notably as President of the Institutional Student Representative Council at the North West University. He worked from 2014-2015 as the Personal Assistant, Political advisor and Speech Writer to the former District Executive Mayor Cllr. Choganyetso Elvis Tladinyane of Dr. Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District Municipality, and he is currently serving as one of the Directors of the Board of Higher Education Transformation Network (HETN) in South Africa. Our esteemed speaker has recently joined Young African Leaders Initiative in the Continent. He is currently, working as the Public Relations Officer of the Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District Municipality.



The hall was fully packed with excited graduates and their parents. Achievements: 27 students received their National Diplomas, 390 learners received their National N6 Certificate, 79 NC(V) Level 4 students received their certificates and 14 Trade Test certificates. Mr T Monnamontsho who has studied Electrical Engineering was the best overall Report 191 student for 2016 with an average of 85%!



VUSELELA TVET COLLEGE

The choir from Potchefstroom Centre for ICT Studies performed at the event.



NEWS FROM STUDENT PLACEMENT



June is one of the important months on our South African calendar - youth month. This is solely informed by the heroic acts displayed by this golden generation of 1976. I deliberately call it golden because they were in pursuit of a noble cause which advocated for access to education using a language that could be understood by all and not that of the then oppressor.

I also have a good story to tell. Vuselela TVET College is part of the broader education system in South Africa with the sole mandate of contributing towards the National Human Resource Development strategy of our country, by producing graduates who will in turn be expected to serve their communities in many forms. It is with great pleasure to announce to the student populace and prospective students out there that I am a living testimony of such an outcome.

In May 2016 I was secured a placement to undergo work integrated learning to garner my 18 months experiential learning through our College's Student Placement Office. My Placement was supposed to come to an end in October 2017, fortunate enough just in less than a year I was permanently appointed in the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management as Administration Clerk Station at Potchefstroom Provincial Traffic. It was not through might, ego, wisdom, connections or whatsoever the reason may be, rather it was about self-discipline, punctuality and able to learn which led me to be where I am. I'll be doing myself a disservice if I cannot thank God Almighty Jesus Christ of Nazereth, for the strength and courage he has bestowed on me.

In conclusion, to my fellow students and graduates sitting at home, don't give up. Keep on hustling and never cease to craft your path. Continue to submit your CV's to placement offices as it is really working and forging partnership with stakeholders who want to see South Africa going forward. Let us all make our college, communities, families and most importantly our Country proud by our actions.



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Hlomisa Jundu who studied Management Assistant served in the Office of the CEO and has now been employed permanently by SAPS in Orkney.



Ntswaki Maloisane who studied management assistant started as an intern based in Placement Office and later went to assist as a P.A in the CEO Office is now a permanent employee at Speedy Car Sales as an administrator.



Ernest Jacobs, ERD Learner who was placed with BMW Daly has been permanently absorbed after serving his twelve months internship.



Mokaleng Ofentse Clifford who studied Management Assistant is placed at Camelot Lodge, funded by INSETA as an intern and excelling in his work irrespective of his disability. Ms Perseverance Madoda, as the owner, is very happy and proud to host such a learner and wishes to work longer with him even after he finishes the programme.