VUSELELA TVET COLLEGE

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VUSELELA NEWS

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL



MS PD LEHOKO - PRINCIPAL

I am delighted to pen this introductory piece for the last edition of Vuselela News Letter in 2020. It is hard to believe that we are already in the last quarter of the academic year. The work of teaching and learning keeps on expanding as we identify new areas of growth within the parameters of our legislative mandate. Be that as it may, Vuselela TVET College is fortunate to have a formidable team of highly experienced and qualified individuals who are passionate about their work. The outcomes of the T1/2020 examinations speak volumes:

NO	CAMPUS	T2-18	T3-18	T1-19	T2-19	T3-19	T1-20
1	Jouberton	58	50	59	58	63	61
2	Potchefstroom	49	56	76	59	64	70
3	Taung	51	51	60	56	57	67
	COLLEGE	53	52	65	58	61	66

Unfortunately, the year 2020 will be remembered as a year in which the entire world faced a crisis of catastrophic proportions, called COVID-19. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought a great deal of misery and pain to the lives of many people in South Africa. I sincerely empathise with people who have lost their loved ones as a result of the pandemic. My heart also goes out to people who have lost their jobs and livelihoods because of the devastating impact of COVID-19 on our country's economy. I also feel for the 2020 cohort of students who have started to write their national examinations, after facing the most difficult year of their lives. I know it is not easy for them; for this reason, we need to stand together as Vuselela staff and help those who need our help within our sphere of influence.

Due to lockdown regulations enforced by government, many organisations have been forced to think outside the box and formulate innovative ideas for staff members to do their work from their homes; Vuselela TVET College was not spared. Among others, we have learnt that with proper planning, e.g. changed time-tables and attention to comorbidities, it is possible for people to do plenty of work from their homes and still achieve the strategic objectives of the organisation. We have also learnt a great deal about how best to harness the benefits of technology – usage of data, smart phones and laptops – to achieve a certain level of efficiency in the work that we do. Work needs to be done despite the challenges we are experiencing.

There is no doubt that quality in education remains a topical issue within educational circles in South Africa. Increased access to education will be addressed when we implement the 4IR programmes for which Vuselela has been identified by DHET and ETDPSeta in the North West Province as the 'Centre of Excellence for ICT'. As a best practice, the college will first expose its lecturers to the new technology in January 2021, then the students and community will benefit. This is the one area where Vuselela TVET College is looking to locate itself as a leader in response to its vision as a preferred provider of quality teaching and learning.

The College experienced some brain-drain as experienced staff went on retirement; one of note is Mr Steve Ntwe who was the campus manager at Taung Campus. His replacement, who had been his deputy for many years, Ms Ina Hollenbach, passed on as the campus was still reeling from the loss of lives of three (3) students to a car accident. The DPF, Ms A van der Westhuizen, resigned, while DPA, Mr T Ngcobo, has been appointed the Principal of King Sabatha Dalingebo in Umtata. In his place, the college temporarily appointed Mr Jacob Ramagogodi. The college has to acknowledge the achievement and transition of *Mr* B Shole to *Dr* B Shole in 2020.

In conclusion, I wish success to the students in all the levels of NC (V), Report 191 both Engineering and Business as they face their final examinations. I advise them to prepare well under these trying circumstances, to rely on their lecturers' sound advice and to avoid unnecessary distractions during the examination period.

I furthermore wish all lecturers, support staff and students of Vuselela TVET College, *Safe & Happy Holidays!*

MANAGEMENT OF THE COLLEGE



MR J RAMAGOGODI



MR T NGCOBO



DR B SHOLE



MS A VAN DER WESTHUIZEN



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NEWS FROM MATLOSANA CAMPUS

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CAMPUS MANAGER

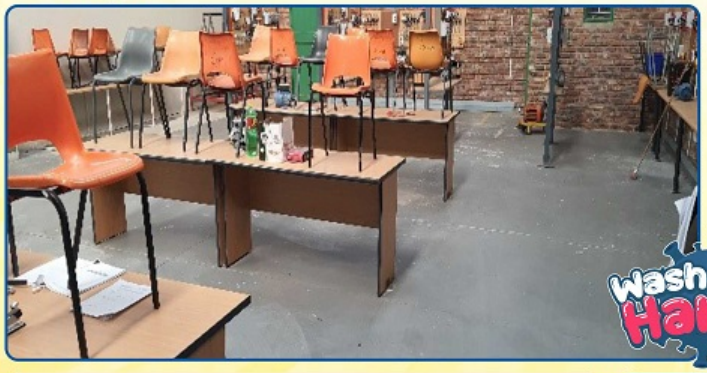

MR EL KREELING

We started the year very well and full of enthusiasm. In January and February, we had many plans and preparation for the year. We started with the implementation, and bang, in March the unexpected happened. Covid-19 hit us so quickly and hard, it brought the realisation that we must not take life for granted.

The whole world was rocked to a standstill. We quickly had to re-adapt and, after three months of inactivity, the new normal was and is still felt across the country and the world at large with Covid-19 that affected each and every one of us. We have lost family members, friends, loved ones and will probably continue to do so. We at Matlosana Campus are extremely grateful and humbled and appreciative that we were able to welcome back all our staff for the first time in over six months.

We pray that the grace of God will continue to be granted to all our staff and students. By the same token, we have welcomed four screeners who play a critical and an important role, along with four temporary general assistants who keep us safe.

Prepartion for Covid-19 by deep cleaning the workshops







COVID-19 screeners were appointed at the campus as screening must take place each day.





General assistants were appointed to help clean the workshops and offices each day.





Matlosana Campus has received five internship students, and Mr MZ Maretloa moved from Corporate Centre to Matlosana Campus. We hope you will enjoy your stay with us



We had to adapt to the new normal and, among others, had to quickly put up a new Jojo tank because of frequent water supply interruptions.

We are also delighted with the effort that the staff have put in and appreciate all their efforts and hard work, which also ensured for the first time that we do not have a single non-conformance.

We are also very glad to report that the three staff members we appointed for the SPVT Technical Mentor Project are doing very well at Nelson Mandela University. The programme is slightly derailed due to COVID-19 at the workplace of Volkswagen SA (VWSA) in Uitenhage. We hope for them to resume with their training at VWSA and SARETEC in Cape Town next year.

I want to take this opportunity to wish all staff members and students well with their training and trade tests as well as the upcoming final examinations. Matlosana Campus Management want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our wish is for everyone to have a peaceful and restful holiday and come back rejuvenated in 2021.

Please remember:









We moved our electronics workshop and had to extend 12 temporary staff members.

NEWS FROM POTCHEFSTROOM CAMPUS

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CAMPUS MANAGER



Where has the year gone? 2020 has 365 days, but it has been the shortest year we have ever had in our lifetime. When the year started, we all had our dreams and plans for the New Year. However, due to the world-wide Covid-19 pandemic, one would think that you still have time to achieve the goals set at the beginning of the year. Economically and socially, our lives were disrupted and turned upside down.

There is a saying that says everything happens for a reason. Sad as it is, the pandemic became an eye opener to many who are resisting change and to prepare themselves for the 4IR. Lecturers were forced to quickly learn to present lectures online. It was not easy because most of the students do not have the gadgets and data to communicate with their lecturers. The pandemic created opportunities for many people to do self-reflection and look at life with a new set of eyes. We learned how to appreciate each and every minute our Creator gives as well as those close to us. The pandemic led to a high dropout rate because some of our students have lost their loved ones due to the disease. However, we did not give up. We had to roll up our sleeves and made the best out of what was left.

As the TVET sector, we also lost some of our colleagues. We are all going to miss those who were stolen away from us by this pandemic. However, thanks to all the frontline workers who put their lives at risk, nursing those who were infected by the virus. Sadly, some lost their lives. We also convey our gratitude to the frontline workers at campus level, our screeners. Thanks to higher health for ensuring that they provide the PSET sector with guidance on how to contain the spread of the virus no one was prepared for.

Congratulations to our R191 Engineering Studies students. Against all odds, you managed to do well in the first trimester national examinations. We also welcomed back home our Civil Engineering student who went to China in 2019. Thanks to the Almighty she came back safe. We learned from her how the Covid-19 regulations were strictly adhered to in China. Now that we are on Alert Level 1, we think that the virus is gone. It is still here and we are the ones who must ensure that we protect ourselves and our loved ones by adhering to Covid-19 regulations as set by the government.

We would like to wish all our students who persevered under strenuous and difficult circumstances, attended classes and sat for their examinations. We all had to get used to the new normal. Difficult as it was for all of you to adhere to the Covid-19 protocols, we made it this far.

Our staff members, support and academic, we were all scared and worried about our safety as well as our students' safety. Through God's grace we have survived the virus. What is left for us is now to roll up our sleeves and prepare for the new academic year while also ensuring that our students' mental health is being taken care of. We all know the pressure and anxiety we are all under. We wish our R191 Engineering Studies and NC (V) Students everything of the best in the upcoming examinations.

We are grateful for our staff members' hard work and devotion. Their commitment does not go unnoticed. We therefore would like to wish them a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS

ACHIEVEMENT



We would like to congratulate Mrs Manyeka, English lecturer for completing her studies in Advanced Diploma in Education for children with special needs. Congratulations on a job well done!!! We need lecturers with her speciality in the college.

We would like to congratulate our Tourism lecturer, Mrs Khuselwa Tyatya on her recent milestone achievement of successfully completing her Master's in Business Administration (MBA) through MANCOSA. We continue to wish her all the best in her future endeavours. The programme is known to be long and hard. It is only by the grace of God that she managed to persevere to finality. You are an inspiration to all.

ACHIEVEMENT



TOURISM MONTH CELEBRATION







As the tourism month came to an end, North-West Women in Tourism (NW WiT) planned a closing function, celebrating heritage, tourism month and promoting rural tourism on 30 September 2020, in Matlwang Village. Seven Tourism students were invited, managed to network with tourism stakeholders and gain more insight on rural tourism development. It was a day well spent, full of knowledge and encouragement. The college would like to thank the chapter for such an opportunity and wish for more invitations



As part of the Internal Continuous Assessment mark for English First Additional Language Level 4, students are expected to do an oral assessment and film study. For this assessment, students created their own play, and recorded it on camera.



STUDENTS PRESENTED LESSONS ON CAMERA





In the Education and Development Department, students are expected to present lessons practically to children as part of their Practical Assessment Task. They were, however, not allowed to go to a school for this assessment, as it was not permitted due to the COVID-19 regulations. Being a prospective early childhood development practitioner, creativity is a must. Students presented the lessons on camera as part of their assessment.



Potchefstroom Campus staff members still standing strong after lockdown and accepted the Jerusalema dance challenge to show unity and strength.

Wishing you all of the best on your retirement



Mr L van Der Merwe started working as a college driver at the then Potchefstroom Technical College, now Vuselela TVET College and has been with the college for 31 years. He went on pension on 31 October 2020. We wish him all the very best on his retirement.



Mrs MN Buthi started working for the Education Department on 4 February 1987 and was later transferred to the then Potchefstroom Technical College, now Vuselela TVET College. She will be going on pension on 31 December 2020 after working for the department for 33 years. We wish her a happy retirement filled with fun and happiness.



Thank you

Lesego Tsimane, Tshepang Mlambo, Veronica Miya and Tebogo Motlhabedi are new interns at Potchefstroom Campus. We thank you for your dedication and commitment.

NEWS FROM KLERKSDORP CAMPUS

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CAMPUS MANAGER



If 2020 where a math problem.....
If you're going down a river at 2 MPH and your canoe loses a wheel, how much pancake mix would you need to re-shingle your roof?



2020 was really a year when we did not just add to our story, but we lived in history! The year has asked extraordinary thinking, an extraordinary way of handling our day-to-day tasks, and it has challenged our staff and students.

The one thing that we can take away from this year is that we as a TVET sector has the ability to adapt, adjust and still thrive. Our lecturers had to start teaching on a WhatsApp group, students had to do so much more work on their own, we had to compress a year into four months, and yet we survived! We needed to create new timetables, we learned about social distancing, we had to get used to the masks!



How to persevere (and get ahead!) when the going gets tough
There are times in life when we feel discouraged or defeated, when life delivers blows that knock us to the ground. The feelings of hopelessness and despair may consume your life for many months as you wonder if you will ever get back to feeling happy and safe. This is when it is important to learn how to persevere.

1. Accept and anticipate change
In today's world of constant change, it is hard to manage the complexity and unpredictability of life. It is even more difficult to find the motivation to persevere in the face of constant change. Learn how to be agile in your thinking. Ask many questions and look for solutions. Do not just focus on the problem that you are facing. It is much harder to solve a problem when you are immersed within the problem itself. Become a solution seeker.

2. Use your power of choice to liberate You
One of the few things you have total control over is your power of choice. No one else can take that away from you, so use it when you want to learn how to persevere. When life gets tough, and you do not know what to do next, you still have the power to choose. It is the choices that you make that determine how you react to the tough times you are facing.

3. Do not be afraid to ask for help
A person who chooses to be a solution seeker is a resilient person who is self-aware and will actively seek support, advice, and encouragement from others when times are tough.

4. Be positive and laugh when you can
A positive attitude opens up your mind to explore possibilities, whereas a pessimistic attitude closes your mind down and encourages you to withdraw yourself from finding your way through the challenges you are facing. With a pessimistic attitude, there is no growth and no learning; there is stagnation in life.

5. Embrace the unpredictability of life
Life is a strange and amazing journey, with many painful experiences and a great deal of beauty and joy. Running away from the challenges life presents to us is not the answer. Resilient people expect to fail and be disappointed. Commit to becoming that courageous, resilient person you were born to be.

6. Focus on things that bring you joy
When you are feeling frustrated and hopeless, it is easy to forget the good things in your life. Showing appreciation to others and expressing gratitude are two actions that will bring joy back into your life.

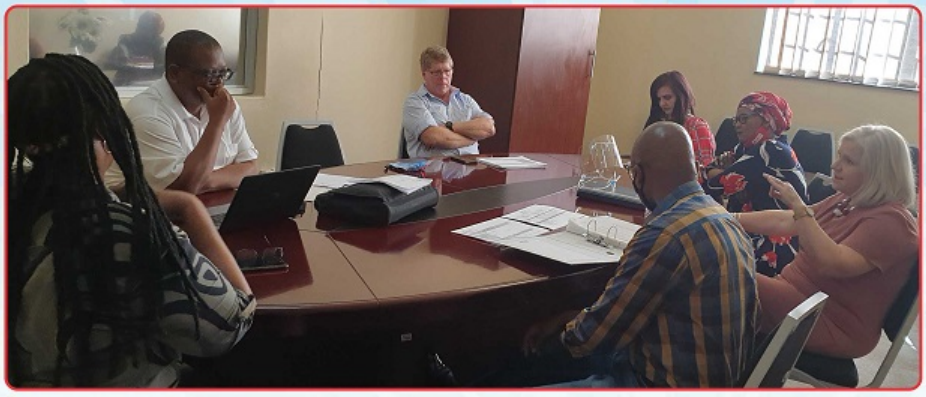
7. Do not let the past rule your present
Do not let all your past mistakes and fears cloud your judgement and diminish your courage. You are not defined by what happened in your past. You are who you choose to be now and in the future. Become the courageous, empowered, resilient person you were born to be.

MAY THE LESSONS WE LEARNED IN 2020 ENABLE US TO MAKE BETTER CHOICES IN 2021.

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DHET CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT



On Wednesday, 14 October, DHET officials, Mr P de Villiers & Mr J Makgalemele, were on our campus to monitor site-based assessment for all programmes (Report 191 and NCV) including ISAT's.

"EDUCATION is the KEY to unlock the GOLDEN door of FREEDOM"

LEARNING PSYCHOLOGY LEVEL 2 EXAMINER



Congratulations to Mrs C Sebolai for being appointed by DHET as an examiner for NCV Level 2 Learning Psychology National Question Paper.

HIGHER HEALTH



Klerksdorp campus staff members have a great pleasure to welcome Ms Rorisang Masoeta, an intern who has been deployed by Higher Health to work with Klerksdorp, Jouberton and Matlosana campuses for Higher Health issues.

Ms Rorisang Masoeta is an ambitious young lady who previously enrolled for Education & Development at Potchefstroom Campus. While studying, she was nominated for peer mentoring, as well as an SRC member. Although she did not have Skills of Counselling TB, STD and HIV Management, she was awarded an internship at Higher Health for Community Health Worker issues at the College.

LEVEL 4 STUDENTS WALK-THROUGH GRADUATION FUNCTION

All level 4 NCV students from Klerksdorp Campus attended a sim room walk-through graduation function on 5 November 2020. Students attended in three groups to adhere to social distancing.

In the sim room, the students gained valuable practical experience, which will entitle them to approach the real world with self-confidence.

The students received an attendance certificate for attending the simulation room during their studies on Level 2, Level 3 and the three months of Level 4 before South Africa was in lockdown caused by the pandemic.



Mrs E de Beer handing over an attendance certificate to Miss Diaho



Mr Duba receiving his attendance certificate from Mrs de Beer

The campus manager, Mrs E de Beer, made the students aware that they are making history and that one day they will look back and tell the story of Covid 19 and how they survived the pandemic to their children and grandchildren. She also motivated the students not to stop studying – that the Level 4 certificate must not be the end of their road – it must just be the beginning.

The Simulation Room lecturer, Mrs A Janse van Rensburg, thanked all students for their contribution and positive attitude and participation in the sim room. She emphasised the fact that they have grown in confidence and skills during their time spent in the sim room. The attendance certificates were handed over by the campus manager. Afterwards, the students enjoyed refreshments.



Students enjoying the function

Staff Achievement



Congratulations to Ms M Olifant, a social support & counselling officer with her achievement of graduating online on Friday, 23 October with the North-West University, Potchefstroom Campus. She obtained a Professional Diploma in Education Senior & FET Phase. Well done, we are proud of your perseverance and success. Ms Olifant is an exemplar in her department for making education her top priority.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Klerksdorp staff members have the pleasure to thank our staff members including Ms B Bereng and Ms P Fokwhebe – our temporary cleaners for making sure that our campus remained clean at all times during the critical pandemic time, class rooms, offices, toilets etc. The entire premises were very tidy, like never before! A very big thank you to all staff involved.

We would also like to thank and acknowledge our team of screeners who had to endure extreme temperatures, hot and cold! They ensured that we could keep our campus Covid-compliant and are keeping us all safe.

EASTECAPE MIDLANDS COLLEGE VISIT



Friday, 13 November 2020 will be remembered as the day when new friendships and partnerships were formed. On this special occasion, a delegation from Eastcape Midlands College led by the principal, Mr Charl van Heerden, came to visit Klerksdorp Campus. For Mr van Heerden it was like visiting home, as he was a former employee of Vuselela TVET College. During this visit, our Wholesale & Retail lecturer, Mr Kennith Letshaba, explained the concept and the importance of the subject to our students. It was explained that students obtain theoretical as well as practical experience, which will open numerous job opportunities for them in our local area as well as any big city.

Mr Letshaba answered all the visitors' questions. After his presentation, the delegation was truly convinced to go back to the Eastern Cape and include Wholesale & Retail as part of their curriculum. The reason for the visit to Vuselela TVET College Klerksdorp Campus was two-fold. Simulation room lecturer, Mrs Alida Janse van Rensburg, explained the curriculum development and how we as a college incorporate the sim room into the different subject curriculums.

Mrs Janse van Rensburg explained the strategy and structure of the sim room. Emphasis was also placed on the assessments and how the assessments contribute to the ICASS mark for the different levels. After sharing a few thoughts over refreshments, the delegation left Klerksdorp Campus full of ideas and enthusiasm.





DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH INSPECTION

On Tuesday 17 November, the Department of Health conducted an inspection on Covid-19 prevention on the entire campus (ground, toilets classrooms, etc.) in which everything was exactly up to standard and obtained 100% compliance. Congratulations and appreciation to Ms M Olifant and Mr G Molakeng and their teams for the outcome results – well done.



NEWS FROM CORPORATE CENTRE

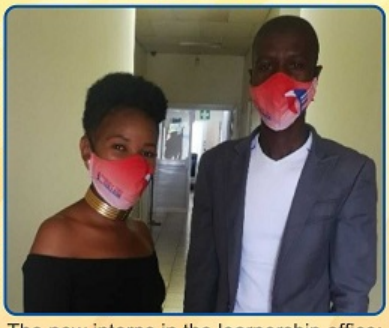


INSETA 10-DAY SKILLS PROGRAMME

Placement office offered a 10-day short skills programme funded by INSETA for a period of 10 days to capacitate our graduates. The programme started on 22 June and ended 3 July. The training targeted our graduates around the area of Taung who were capacitated with a skill (foster and maintain customer relations for united standard no. 123 258) benefited from such training. The programme initially was to train 100 learners; however, four learners did not complete the course due to various reasons. Out of 100 learners recruited, 96 learners successfully completed the training; it was only four of them who could not continue with the training due to personal reasons as well as the issue of the pandemic. Each learner who completed the programme will receive R1 000 each as an incentive paid through the SETA as an allowance. For the 10 days, training period each learner was catered with breakfast and lunch packs. The last day of the training, learners received a t-shirt and a back pack that brought a smile and joy to them.

WELCOME

TO VUSELELA TVET COLLEGE!



The new interns in the learnership office: Ms Keitumetse Moroke and Mr Bonang Ntsoti. They completed their Management Assistant N6 at Klerksdorp Campus.

In Memoriam



Mrs HH Hollenbach sadly passed away on 18 October 2020. She started in 1994 as a lecturer when Taung Campus was still the Taung College of Education. For a few years, she served as a senior lecturer in the Business Studies department and was then appointed as Deputy Campus Manager. She was now acting as the Campus Manager. Her place in our lives will be very difficult to fill. Our sincere condolences go out to her family and friends.


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