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Mr Ramagogodi appointed as Deputy Principal: Innovations and Development

We are proud to announce the appointment of Mr Jacob Ramagogodi as Deputy Principal: Innovations and Development, effective 1 January 2025.

Mr Ramagogodi's journey with the college has been marked by dedication, growth, and a steadfast commitment to excellence. He most recently served as Assistant Director: Occupational Programmes, where he was instrumental in strengthening our occupational training offerings and aligning them with evolving industry demands. His earlier roles within the institution include Engineering Studies Lecturer, Student Support Liaison Officer, Student Support Administrator, Student Support Manager, Faculty Head of Fundamentals, and Accreditation Officer - each reflecting his deep passion for education and student success.

Beyond his contributions at the college, Mr Ramagogodi has also been active in the National Artisan Development space, serving as the Provincial Chairperson for the North West - further testament to his leadership and expertise in the field.

In his new role, Mr Ramagogodi will lead strategic innovation and development initiatives across the college. His comprehensive understanding of both academic and occupational learning environments uniquely positions him to bridge the gap between traditional education models and future-focused, skills-driven approaches.

Please join us in congratulating Mr Ramagogodi on this well-deserved promotion.

We look forward to the continued growth and innovation that will unfold under his visionary leadership.

FAREWELL TO DR IBB SHOLE



Dr Isaac Bogart Bassie Shole matriculated in 1980. He holds a Doctor of Education (D Ed) in Education Management, a Bachelor of Arts in Education (BA Ed), a Bachelor of Honours in Education Management (B Hons), and a Master of Education (M Ed) in Education Management. In addition, he has completed a Diploma in School Governance, a qualification in Project Management, and has obtained a range of accredited certifi-cates.

Dr Shole began his professional career as an Administrative Clerk. He entered the teaching profession in 1987 and served until 1992, during which time he was appointed Head of Department at the same institution. In 1992, he joined Taung College of Education (TCE) as a Lecturer. He was subsequently promoted to Senior Lecturer and later served as Registrar.

Following the national merger of Technical Colleges, Colleges of Education, and Manpower Centres in 2003, Dr Shole was appointed as the Campus Manager of Klerksdorp Campus. He later advanced to the position of Deputy Chief Education Specialist (DCES), where he was responsible for Business Development and Innovation, as well as Linkages and Partnerships.

Dr Shole served in this role with distinction until his retirement in March 2025.

Farewell to Mr Hentie Goosen



After an impressive 37 years of dedicated service within the Department of Education, Vuselela TVET College recently bid farewell to Mr Hentie Goosen. Mr Goosen began his journey with the college in 2001 as a lecturer at Klerksdorp Campus. In 2006, he was promoted to Acting Senior Lecturer at the Jouberton Campus, followed by his appointment as Acting Head of Department at the same campus. In 2008, Mr Goosen took on the role of Campus Manager at Matlosana Campus, and in 2010, he transitioned to the Corporate Centre where he served as Dean of Engineering Studies. He concluded his distinguished career in March 2025 as Assistant Director: Examinations. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mr Goosen for his unwavering commitment and invaluable contributions to Vuselela TVET College. Although he has retired, he continues to lend his expertise through his appointment with Umalusi. We wish Mr Goosen every success in his future endeavours and hope he enjoys well-deserved time with his family.



Students participated in enriching engagements



Between February and March 2025, Public Administration N4 students from Vuselela TVET College's Klerksdorp Campus participated in a series of enriching engagements with representatives from South Africa's Chapter 9 Institutions. Facilitated by Ms K Serebolo, the sessions featured distinguished guest speakers from the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC), the Commission for Gender Equality, and the Office of the Public Protector.

These interactions provided students with valuable insights into South Africa's constitutional democracy, deepened their understanding of public governance, and introduced them to potential career opportunities within the public sector.

Vuselela TVET College extends its sincere appreciation to Ms Serebolo for fostering and sustaining vital institutional partnerships that contribute significantly to student growth and professional development.

College adopts Quick Exam Programme

As part of Vuselela TVET College's ongoing commitment to academic excellence, the institution adopted Pebble Publishing's *Quick Exams Programme* in 2024 to enhance the quality and efficiency of assessments. On 19 March 2025, Heads of Department and Senior Lecturers from all campuses participated in a comprehensive training session held at Kitso Botlhale.



The Quick Exams Programme is a powerful tool that enables the streamlined creation of assessments, marking guides, and analytical reports - all aligned with the standards set by the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET). This initiative is expected to contribute meaningfully to improved academic outcomes, particularly across the NC(V) programmes.

We commend all staff who took part in this training and look forward to the positive impact this innovation will have on teaching, learning, and assessment practices across the College.



Students visit Matlosana Mall

On 7 March 2025, Level 2 Wholesale and Retail students from Vuselela TVET College's Klerksdorp Campus undertook an educational visit to Matlosana Mall as part of a practical component of their academic assignment. The visit provided students with valuable exposure to various retail sectors, target market strategies, and brand positioning within a real-world commercial environment.

This hands-on experience significantly enriched their understanding of key concepts covered in the classroom and helped bridge the gap between theory and practice.

We sincerely thank Matlosana Mall for their continued support and for facilitating this meaningful learning opportunity. Their collaboration plays an important role in preparing our students for future success in the retail industry.

Message from the Klerksdorp Campus Manager

"Rome wasn't built in a day." Success is a gradual process, and it is through sustained effort and perseverance that we begin to witness the results of our hard work. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to both staff and students for their unwavering commitment, which has contributed to a strong and promising start to 2025.

As we move forward, let us continue to build on this positive momentum. By working together in a spirit of collaboration and purpose, we can achieve even greater success. I especially encourage our NC(V) students to maintain consistent attendance and to approach their studies with focus and determination.

Together, we can continue to elevate Vuselela TVET College and affirm its status as the institution of choice.



MR EL Kreeling
Klerksdorp Campus



NSFAS, Vuselela & New Dawn Technologies champion student accommodation at TPF Funwalk

On 21 March 2025, Vuselela TVET College, in collaboration with New Dawn Technologies (NDT), proudly participated in the Thabo Pelesane Foundation (TPF) Funwalk - an event dedicated to raising awareness and fostering solutions around student accommodation challenges.

As part of the initiative, Vuselela TVET College and NDT hosted an informative stall aimed at engaging local accommodation providers and encouraging them to register their properties for accreditation through the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS).

This outreach effort aligns with the NSFAS Student Accommodation Project, a national initiative committed to providing students with access to safe, quality, and standardised housing. The project's key objectives include:

- **Enhancing Student Living Conditions:** Promoting secure and conducive environments for academic success.
- **Standardizing Accommodation Quality:** Introducing grading systems to ensure consistent housing standards.
- **Encouraging Provider Participation:** Streamlining the accreditation process to increase participation.
- **Streamlining Funding:** Facilitating direct rental payments from NSFAS to service providers for efficiency and transparency.

The event saw the distribution of over 100 informational pamphlets, and several prospective landlords expressed interest by visiting the college for guidance on the NSFAS accreditation process.

Vuselela TVET College remains committed to enhancing student well-being through proactive partnerships and sustainable solutions.

Accommodation providers interested in joining the initiative can find registration details at www.nsfas.org.za.



Soup kitchen charity drive

On 17 April 2025, Office Administration Level 4 students from Vuselela TVET College, Klerksdorp Campus, showcased outstanding community involvement and leadership as part of their Practical Assessment Task (PAT). The students successfully organized and hosted a charity soup kitchen, providing soup and bread to out-patients at Klerksdorp Hospital, as well as to members of the local community outside the campus gates.

This impactful initiative not only met the academic objectives of their curriculum but also embodied the values of compassion, social responsibility, and active citizenship. It stands as a testament to the vital role that vocational education plays in shaping well-rounded individuals who are committed to making meaningful contributions to society.

Vuselela TVET College proudly commends these students for their dedication, initiative, and positive impact on the community.



Vuselela signs MOU with Harmony Gold

Vuselela TVET College is proud to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Harmony Gold Mining and Aurelian Beneficial Trust, marking the beginning of a collaborative partnership aimed at enhancing practical training opportunities for students.

The official signing ceremony took place on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 11:00, at Harmony Gold Mining's Office Park in Randfontein. This strategic agreement underscores a shared commitment to bridging the gap between theoretical learning and practical industry experience.

Through this partnership, Harmony Gold Mining will host a total of 39 Vuselela TVET College students—comprising 15 non-technical learners, 12 technical learners, and 12 artisan trainees - as part of their comprehensive training programmes. These placements are designed to provide students with 18 months of workplace-based experience, a critical requirement for the attainment of the National Diploma and Trade Certificate.

This initiative represents a significant step in empowering students with the hands-on experience and industry exposure necessary to enhance their skills and future employability. Vuselela TVET College extends its gratitude to Harmony Gold Mining and Aurelian Beneficial Trust for their continued support and commitment to education and skills development.





First-year hospitality students engage in food preparation practicals

First-year Hospitality students at Taung Campus are currently participating in Food Preparation practical's as part of their academic curriculum. These kitchen sessions are a vital component of the programme, offering students hands-on experience in food preparation, culinary techniques, and kitchen management. By applying theoretical knowledge in a practical setting, students deepen their understanding of key hospitality concepts and develop the essential skills required in professional kitchens. This experiential learning not only enhances their academic development but also equips them with the confidence and competence needed for success in real-world hospitality environments.



N6 students embarked on excursion to Johannesburg

On 25 April 2025, Public Management N6 students from Vuselela TVET College, Klerksdorp Campus, embarked on an educational excursion to Johannesburg. The objective of the trip was to enhance students' understanding of South African history, democratic development, and the country's constitutional framework - key areas relevant to their academic programme and future careers in public administration.

1. Constitution Hill (Constitutional Court)

- Students toured the historic Constitution Hill precinct, gaining insight into South Africa's painful past, including the experiences of political prisoners held at the notorious Number Four prison.
- A guided tour of the Constitutional Court provided a deeper understanding of the apex court's role in upholding the Constitution and protecting the rights of all South Africans.

2. Soweto (Vilakazi Street - Nelson Mandela House Museum)

- The group visited the Hector Pieterson Museum, which honours the memory of students who participated in the 1976 Soweto Uprising and highlights the broader struggle for liberation.
- A tour of the Mandela House Museum offered a personal glimpse into the life of Nelson Mandela and his contribution to the country's democratic transformation.

This educational experience has undoubtedly broadened students' perspectives and will positively impact their academic development and future roles within the public sector.

The students were accompanied by five dedicated lecturers: Mr Takang, Mr Mafunda, Ms Serebolo, Mr Bonakele, and Mr Mogwera, whose guidance and support contributed greatly to the success of the trip.

This educational excursion provided students with practical, real-world experiences that complemented and enriched their theoretical knowledge, bridging the gap between classroom learning and the realities of public management in South Africa.

Trip Highlights:

• Students developed a richer understanding of South Africa's socio-political history, including the apartheid era and the transition to democracy.

• The Constitutional Court visit offered valuable insights into the functioning of the judiciary and the importance of constitutional governance.

• Visits to the Hector Pieterson and Mandela House Museums reinforced the significance of historical memory and the sacrifices made in the fight for freedom and equality.





The solar panels that were installed at Potchefstroom Campus.



The solar panels that were installed at Jouberton Campus.

EXCITING CAMPUS INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES:

Empowering education through sustainable innovation

We are pleased to share exciting updates on ongoing and recently completed projects across our college campuses. These initiatives are part of our ongoing commitment to providing students with a world-class learning environment and up-to-date facilities.

Rooftop Solar Panel Installation – Potchefstroom, Jouberton and Taung Campuses
Start Date: *December 2023*
Completion Date: *March 2024*
Funded By: *W&R SETA*
Total Project Cost: *R6.5 million*

As part of our sustainability drive and mission to modernize campus infrastructure, a state-of-the-art rooftop solar panel system has been successfully installed across the Potchefstroom, Jouberton, and Taung campuses.

This forward-thinking project not only represents a substantial investment in green technology but also significantly reduces reliance on conventional electricity. Designed and executed in collaboration with **Motla Consulting Engineering** and **Macduke Trading and Projects**, the solar systems are now providing up to **60% of our campuses' daytime electricity needs.**

This solar initiative is a significant milestone in our strategic efforts to create a more sustainable, future-ready institution. We extend our gratitude to W&R SETA for their invaluable funding support, and to our engineering and contractor teams for their dedicated partnership in bringing this project to life.

Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to improve and expand our campus infrastructure!

KEY BENEFITS AND IMPACT:

- ***Enhanced Learning Environment:*** *The improved energy reliability directly contributes to more consistent access to teaching and learning tools.*
- ***Improved Accessibility and Energy Efficiency:*** *A more energy-resilient infrastructure ensures minimal disruptions during power outages.*
- *Support for Innovative Teaching Methods: Sustainable facilities allow educators to integrate technology more seamlessly into instruction.*
- ***Modern, Up-to-Date Campus Facilities:*** *Our commitment to modernization ensures a high-quality student experience.*
- ***Direct Benefits for Residence Students:*** *Those living on campus also enjoy improved energy supply and comfort.*

Farming students visit Nampo

On 16 May 2025, N6 Farming Management and Technology students from Vuselela TVET College's Taung Campus attended the prestigious NAMPO Agricultural Trade Show, held at NAMPO Park near Bothaville in the Free State. This visit offered a valuable learning opportunity for students preparing for their final examinations and for the compulsory 18-month practical exposure required within the farming industry.

Accompanied by dedicated lecturers - Mr Lenoto, Ms Molebiemang, and Mr Mtshatsheni - the students engaged with leading innovations, technologies, and best practices in modern agriculture. The experience not only complemented their academic studies but also broadened their understanding of the evolving agricultural landscape.

Grain SA's NAMPO Harvest Day, established in 1967, is one of the largest privately-owned agricultural exhibitions in the southern hemisphere. Since 1974, it has been held annually at NAMPO Park, drawing thousands of participants and exhibitors from across the agricultural value chain. The 2025 event, themed "Global Agriculture, Locally," marked its 57th edition and emphasized the importance of integrating global knowledge and innovation into local agricultural practices.

As agriculture continues to face global challenges and increasingly complex food systems, such platforms are essential for equipping our students with the insights and networks necessary to contribute meaningfully to the sector.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Vuselela TVET College management for their continued support in facilitating opportunities that enhance student development and industry readiness.



Taung Campus hosts 12th annual secretarial day celebration

On 9 May 2025, Taung Campus proudly hosted its 12th Annual Secretarial Day, an event dedicated to honouring and celebrating the vital role of the Management Assistant profession - an essential pillar in the efficient functioning of institutions and businesses nationwide.

The occasion was marked by professionalism and enthusiasm, with students dressed in corporate attire to symbolize their preparedness for the demands of the corporate world. This gesture underscored the importance of embracing professionalism and career readiness early in their journey.

A key objective of the event was to promote academic excellence through recognition of outstanding student achievements. Awards were presented in various categories, including Top Achiever in Management Assistant, Best Presentation, and Effective Communication. The highest accolade, Secretary of the Year, was awarded to Mapaseka Gomolema, who demonstrated exceptional dedication and consistent performance throughout the year.





As a student-centred event, Secretarial Day saw active participation from students who took on leadership roles such as programme directors and coordinators. The day was further enlivened by vibrant entertainment, including inspiring performances by the campus choir, which added a celebratory spirit to the proceedings.

Parents were warmly invited to join the celebrations, proudly witnessing their children receive well-deserved recognition. Campus management and staff were also present, demonstrating their support and appreciation for the students and the significant contributions of the Management Assistant profession.

In closing, both campus management and the student body extended sincere gratitude to Mr Kekana for his exceptional efforts in organising the event. His dedication to creating meaningful and impactful experiences for students was widely praised, with encouragement to continue inspiring future generations at Taung Campus.



Taung campus hosts street dialogue on critical student issues

On Thursday, 15 May 2025, Taung Campus convened a street dialogue aimed at addressing pressing issues affecting students, including substance abuse, gender-based violence (GBV), accidents, murder, and housebreaking.

This initiative served as a vital platform for information sharing, awareness-raising, and community support. It featured active participation from local government organizations such as the Pudimoe Community Police Forum, Department of Social Development, Department of Sports, Arts and Culture, Greater Taung Victim Empowerment Centre, and Greater Taung Municipality.

Through this collaborative effort, the campus reinforces its commitment to creating a safer, more informed, and supportive environment for all students.



Taung Campus Choir active since formation

The Taung Campus Choir was established in 2020 by Tshepang Ntshonyane and has been active since its formation. Comprising students from diverse courses and backgrounds, the choir showcases a wide range of talents and continues to be an integral part of campus life.

The choir regularly performs at various college and campus events, contributing to the cultural vibrancy of Vuselela TVET College. Notably, the choir also performed at this year's graduation ceremony held in Klerksdorp, further highlighting its important role within the institution.

With a strong foundation and ongoing commitment, the Taung Campus Choir is poised to continue inspiring and entertaining generations to come.



Manifesto Presentation at Taung Campus



RAISING THE BAR IN COLLEGE LEADERSHIP:

2025 SRC elections and inauguration

The Student Representative Council (SRC) elections were successfully conducted on 27 February 2025, in full compliance with the Continuing Education and Training (CET) Act, college statutes, and the SRC Constitution. The election process was independently overseen by the Independent Electoral Body (IEB), appointed by the college to ensure fairness, transparency, and credibility.

Each campus elected six Campus SRC members, while ten Institutional SRC members were elected college-wide, resulting in a full council comprising 34 representatives. Prior to the elections, the IEB facilitated comprehensive training sessions for candidates, equipping them with a clear understanding of the election procedures and the responsibilities inherent in student leadership.

The elections were held online, enhancing accessibility and reflecting contemporary voting practices. Of the 4,846 eligible voters, 1,243 students participated, demonstrating a commendable level of engagement and a strong commitment to democratic governance and active involvement in institutional decision-making.

This successful electoral process marks a significant step forward in cultivating accountable, capable leadership that will serve the interests of the student body throughout 2025.

Inauguration of the newly elected SRC members

We are proud to announce the newly elected Student Representative Council (SRC) members for the 2025/2026 academic year. Following a successful and democratic election process, the new SRC leadership, including the College Top 10 Leadership team, has officially assumed their roles.

The inauguration ceremony was a significant event, honoured by the presence of College Principal Ms PD Lehoko and Deputy Principal: Academic Services, Ms De Beer. Their participation reinforced the College's commitment to fostering strong partnerships and ongoing dialogue between management and student leadership.

As part of the leadership transition, college management actively engaged in orientation and training sessions to equip the new SRC with the knowledge, skills, and resources necessary for effective governance.

This collaborative initiative reflects the institution's dedication to developing a responsible and visionary SRC that will serve the student body with integrity and purpose.



Back row: Mr Jimmy Masigo, Deputy President, Mr Lopang Morwane, Academic and transformation officer, Mr Oratile Bareng, SACE Officer, Ms Zinathi Myekethe, Treasure, Ms Kelebogile Tlhapi, Health, Gender and disability Officer
Front Row: Ms Bridget Modise, Deputy Secretary General, Ms Realeboga Mogweng, Secretary General, Ms Lehoko, College Principal, Ms Karabo Sabasaba, President, Ms Rentlafaditswe Seele, Student Accommodation Officer, Ms Reatlegile Kwena, Public Relations Officer



Mr T. Ndlovu, Senior Student Support Services Officer, conducted an induction session for the SRC members on the College's organisational structure and lines of communication.



Ms E. de Beer, Deputy Principal: Academic Services, motivated SRC members during the induction and training sessions.



Ms P. Lehoko, the College Principal, presided over the SRC induction and training sessions.



The incoming SRC President, Ms Karabo Sabasaba, delivered her address during the SRC training session.



Fostering a culture of academic excellence

Students at Jouberton Campus recently participated in comprehensive orientation sessions designed to facilitate a smooth transition into the academic environment. The primary purpose of the induction was to introduce students to the college's culture, expectations, available programmes, and support resources.

These sessions aimed to equip students with the knowledge and guidance necessary to navigate their studies successfully and to help them settle comfortably within the campus community. Orientation also fostered social integration between staff and students, promoting a supportive and inclusive atmosphere.

Overall, the induction process is vital in ensuring that new students feel informed, welcomed, and prepared to excel throughout their academic journey at Vuselela TVET College.



ISRC 2025 President

We are proud to announce that Miss K Sabasaba from the Klerksdorp Campus has been elected as the 2025 President of the Institutional Student Representative Council (ISRC). Miss Sabasaba becomes the fourth female student from Klerksdorp Campus to attain this prestigious position.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Miss Sabasaba on this remarkable achievement and look forward to her leadership, dedication, and vision in guiding the College toward continued growth and excellence.

Congratulations, President Sabasaba!



Gomolemo Mabele and Rebaone Monaisa from Potchefstroom Campus.

College empowers those with disabilities

In line with our commitment to supporting students living with disabilities, Vuselela TVET College has provided motorised wheelchairs to physically disabled, wheelchair-bound students at both Taung and Potchefstroom Campuses.

Our Disability Support Division remains dedicated to ensuring equal access to education for all students, empowering those with disabilities to reach their full potential. This initiative reflects the College's ongoing efforts to foster a more inclusive and equitable learning environment for everyone.

DISABILITY SUPPORT

Ability Defined, Support Realized



Ontlametse Molatudi from Taung Campus.



Your health is your wealth

In our ongoing commitment to promoting health and wellbeing, awareness campaigns and activations were conducted across all campuses. These initiatives aim to increase students' knowledge and understanding of critical health issues, including tuberculosis (TB), HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), mental health, gender-based violence (GBV), substance abuse, and non-communicable diseases. By empowering students with this information, we enable them to make informed decisions about their health.

These Health activations were carried out in collaboration with Higher Health and various social partners. Higher Health is dedicated to enhancing the physical, emotional, and psychological wellbeing of all students within the Post-School Education and Training (PSET) sector. To strengthen psychological support, Higher Health has appointed professional Social Workers, known as Campus Care Workers, funded through the National Skills Fund. These professionals play a vital role in improving students' mental health and facilitating the implementation of Civic and Soft Skills programmes across our colleges.



Additionally, a Peer Educator Workshop was held from 7 to 9 February in Parys. This three-day event brought together peer educators from all four campuses to enhance their skills in promoting health, wellness, and positive behaviour among students. The workshop placed special emphasis on mental health, gender-based violence, and sexuality education. By addressing the connections between mental health challenges, GBV, sexuality education, and sexually transmitted infections - including HIV/AIDS - the Student Support Services division aims to develop effective campus strategies that foster a safe and supportive environment for all students.

Through initiatives such as the Peer Educator Workshop, the division reaffirms its commitment to nurturing a secure and caring campus atmosphere where every student can thrive.

Extracurricular activities – where passion meets purpose

At Vuselela TVET College, we believe in nurturing the talents and skills of our students beyond the formal classroom setting. By encouraging active participation in extracurricular activities, our division aims to promote holistic student development, creativity, and self-expression.

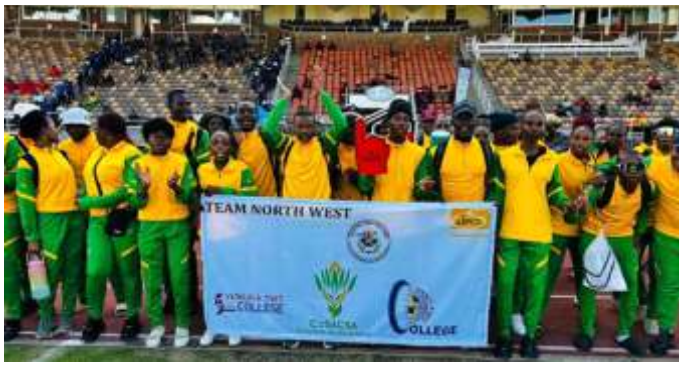
We extend our sincere appreciation to all participants and officials who took part in the recent Athletics Competition held at Peter Mokaba Stadium in Limpopo Province from 1 to 3 April 2025. Your dedication, perseverance, and passion for sports have made a lasting impact on our College community.

A special congratulations to Tumelo Modise, a student from Jouberton Campus, who made us immensely proud by breaking two records in one day during the discus event. The Student Support Services division warmly commends his outstanding achievement.

As an institution committed to the holistic growth of our students, we recognize the vital role that extracurricular activities and talents play alongside academic pursuits.

Mr Modise's accomplishment stands as a testament to the dedication, hard work, and teamwork that inspire all our students in their endeavours.

We remain proud to support and encourage our students' passions and interests, both on and off the field. Congratulations once again, Mr Modise - you have made us proud!





Tumelo Modise

ANNUAL GRADUATION CEREMONY 2025

The annual graduation ceremony of Vuselela TVET College was held from 13 to 15 May 2025 at Oase Gemeente in Klerksdorp. The event spanned three days, featuring two sessions daily - the first commencing at 09:00 and the second at 13:00. The ceremony celebrated the accomplishments of students who successfully completed their studies at Vuselela TVET College in 2024, including those awarded their National Diplomas during the same period.

We were honoured to welcome several distinguished guest speakers throughout the ceremony:



13 May:
Mr Tshegofatso Namola, Education, Training, Development, and Quality Assurance Manager at ETDP SETA North West, delivered the keynote address. A native of Mokasa 1 village in Taung, Mr Namola began his career as a lecturer at Vuselela TVET College. He is currently pursuing a Doctor of Education degree at the Central University of Technology in Bloemfontein.



14 May:
Mr Peter Ntsowe, Client Service and Projects Officer at the Construction Education and Training Authority (CETA), inspired graduates to be proactive in creating opportunities, embracing entrepreneurship, and driving positive change.



15 May (First Session):
Mr Frikkie Fouché from AgriSETA spoke on skills development and education. With a background as Head of the Engineering Faculty at Vuselela TVET College and current Executive Manager for Skills Planning and Research at AgriSETA, Mr Fouché also serves on the College Council.



15 May (Final Session):
Mrs Maryna Marais, Interim Chairperson of the Vuselela TVET College Council, shared insights from her 47-year career in education and training. Having served as Vice-Rector of Vuselela FET College and Principal of ORBIT TVET College, Mrs Marais emphasized that passion for one's work is key to success, stating: *"One cannot be successful unless you love your work. Doing what you love is the cornerstone of abundance in life."*

A total of 1,251 students graduated over the three days, distributed as follows:

• *NC(V) Level 4:*	*245*
• *Centre of Specialisation (Bricklaying):*	*22*
• *Report 191 N6 Certificates:*	*834*
• *Trade Test:*	*53*
• *Diplomas:*	*97*



KKR Ahitlhile, from Klerksdorp Campus, was recognised as the top achiever in Public Management N6 with an exceptional average of 90%. In addition, Ms Ahitlhile was honoured as the Best N6 Student in the Report 191 studies. Her academic record is remarkable, having passed all 12 subjects with distinctions, including achieving a perfect score of 100% in Public Administration N5, Public Finance N5, and Municipal Administration N6. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Ms Ahitlhile on this outstanding accomplishment.

In recognition of her excellence, Dr Shole (left), a retired staff member of Vuselela TVET College, generously sponsored a laptop for Ms Ahitlhile.

We congratulate all our graduates on their dedication and success. This moment marks not the end, but the beginning of an exciting new chapter in your lives. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

A sincere thank you to our generous sponsors - ABSA Bank, Nedbank, Mafaese Trading, IFA Consumables, and Dr Shole - for their invaluable contributions, which play a vital role in the success of this prestigious event.

Top academic achievers were also recognised during the ceremony. These prestigious awards honour the best-performing students in each programme, based on consistent academic excellence across the full qualification - ranging from N4 to N6 or Level 2 to Level 4. To qualify, students must have passed all subjects in a single examination sitting with an average of 70% or higher.

- Principal's Award: Presented to the student with the highest average across all NC(V) programmes at Vuselela TVET College.
- ABSA Award: Presented to the student with the highest average across all Report 191 N6 programmes at the College.

The list of best academic achievers per programme for 2024 follows:



L Leeuw –
Management Assistant N6 with an average of 78%, from Potchefstroom Campus.



B Tlale –
Tourism N6 with an average of 78%, from Potchefstroom Campus.



KR Biso –
Marketing Management N6 with an average of 76% from Klerksdorp Campus.



VT Chaki –
Marketing Level 4 with an average of 79% from Klerksdorp Campus.



E Baase –
Office Administration Level 4 with an average of 81% from Klerksdorp Campus.



OA Legothe –
Information Technology and Computer Science Level 4 with an average of 73% from Jouberton Campus.



M Matshosi –
Civil Engineering and Building Construction Level 4 with an average of 78% from Jouberton Campus.



TC Ncancela –
Mechanical Engineering N6 with an average of 71% from Jouberton Campus.



T Kgola –
Electrical Infrastructure Construction Level 4 with an average of 80% from Potchefstroom Campus.



DF Melamu –
Business Management N6 with an average of 79% from Klerksdorp Campus.

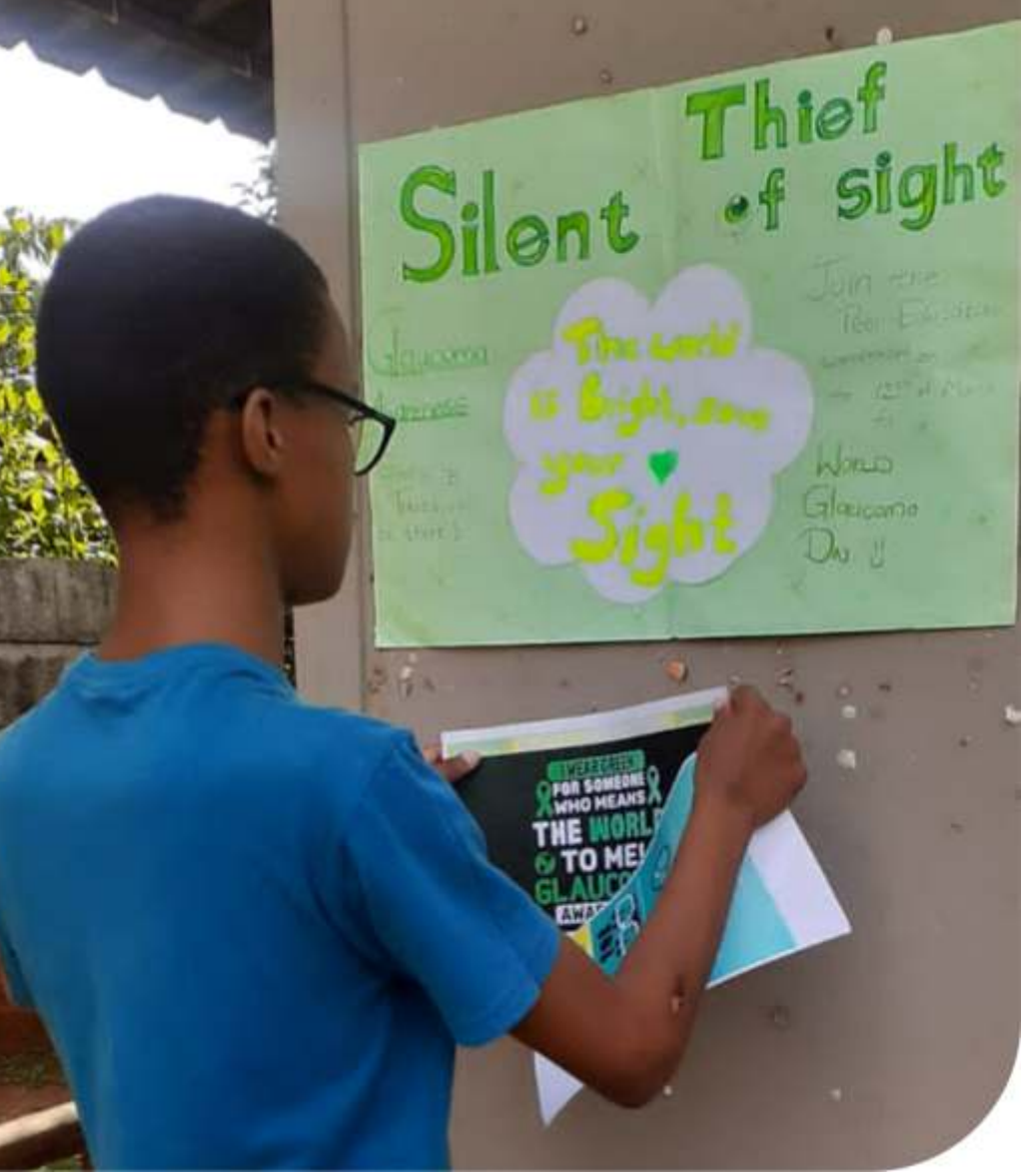


The trophy for Best Academic Achiever in Electrical Engineering N6 was jointly awarded to ***T Mokgosi*** and ***T Rapiletsa***, both from Jouberton Campus. Each achieved an outstanding average of 71%, reflecting their dedication and academic excellence.





The trophy for Best Academic Achiever in NC(V) studies was jointly awarded to ***MM Mokoroane*** and ***PC Bareeleng***. Mr Mokoroane, from Potchefstroom Campus, was recognised as the top performer in Finance, Economics and Accounting Level 4. Mr Bareeleng, from Klerksdorp Campus, achieved the highest results in Education and Development Level 4. Both recipients demonstrated exceptional academic performance, each attaining an impressive average of 82%.





Financial Workshop hosted in Potchefstroom

The Student Support Office of Potchefstroom Campus successfully hosted a Consumer Financial Workshop on 15 May 2025 at the Campus Hall. The session was facilitated by guest speaker Mr. Sechaba, who provided valuable insights into personal finance management, budgeting, and responsible consumer behaviour.

The workshop was well attended, with over 80 students participating. This strong turnout reflects the growing interest among students in gaining practical financial skills that will benefit them both during and beyond their academic journeys.

The Student Support Office extends its appreciation to Mr Sechaba for his informative and engaging presentation, and looks forward to organizing similar initiatives in the future.

GLAUCOMA AWARENESS WEEK

Shining a light on the silent thief of sight

On 12 March 2025, Peer Educators at Vuselela TVET College, Potchefstroom Campus, hosted an impactful awareness session in the campus hall to educate students about glaucoma - an often silent but serious threat to vision.

This initiative aimed to inform students about glaucoma, a group of eye conditions that can cause irreversible damage to the optic nerve, the essential link between the eye and the brain. The damage is most often the result of increased intraocular pressure (IOP).

Often referred to as "the silent thief of sight," glaucoma typically presents no symptoms in its early stages. This makes early detection through routine, comprehensive eye exams critical. These exams can reveal elevated eye pressure or optic nerve damage before noticeable vision loss occurs.

Together, we can help preserve the gift of sight and ensure a brighter, clearer future for all.

There is no cure for glaucoma, but it can be effectively managed. Treatment options - including prescription eye drops, oral medications, or surgery - can help control the condition and slow its progression.

Glaucoma Awareness Week is more than just a calendar event - it's a vital call to action.

Let's stay informed. Get screened. Spread the word.



Mental Health Dialogue engages Potchefstroom students





The Potchefstroom Campus recently hosted an important Mental Health Dialogue focusing on depression and anxiety among college students. The session featured mental health advocates Precious Dumakude and Refiloe Phokanoka, who led a meaningful discussion on the challenges students face and strategies for coping with mental health issues.

Former student Brian Zanazo also joined the event, offering words of encouragement and sharing his personal journey to inspire and motivate current students. His message emphasized resilience and the importance of seeking support when needed.

The dialogue created a safe and supportive space for students to share experiences and ask questions, reinforcing the college's commitment to student well-being and mental health awareness.





Gender-Based Violence: A Call for Urgent Action

Gender-based violence (GBV) remains one of the most pressing and tragic crises facing South Africa today. Despite ongoing awareness campaigns and government interventions, the country continues to report alarming rates of violence against women and children.

South Africa's deeply rooted social and cultural challenges contribute to an environment where many victims remain vulnerable and justice is often delayed or denied. Cases of sexual violence, domestic abuse, and femicide have sparked national outrage, highlighting the urgent need for stronger protective measures and community support.

Recently, the tragic case of a seven-year-old girl known as *Cwecwe*, allegedly raped at her school, has brought renewed attention to this crisis. The *#JusticeForCwecwe* campaign has mobilized thousands, including students at Vuselela TVET College, who marched alongside their SRC and Peer Educators to demand accountability and change.

It is clear that addressing GBV requires more than just policy - it demands a societal shift in attitudes, education, and active participation from every community member. Colleges, as spaces of learning and growth, have a vital role to play in fostering awareness, supporting survivors, and championing justice.

As students, educators, and citizens, we must stand united against gender-based violence, advocating for a safer, more equitable South Africa where every individual can live free from fear.

MESSAGE FROM THE POTCHEFSTROOM CAMPUS MANAGER'S OFFICE

Season marked by commendable achievements

As we reflect on the past term of the 2025 academic year, it is with great pride and appreciation that we acknowledge a season marked by commendable achievements, heartfelt farewells, and promising developments for the future.

We are especially pleased to highlight the strong academic performance of our Engineering division. Once again, our students have demonstrated excellent results, underscoring the division's unwavering commitment to quality teaching and learning.

This success is a direct reflection of the dedication, resilience, and hard work shown by both staff and students. While we celebrate these achievements, we also encourage our engineering students to continue striving for improvement and to take full advantage of the academic support and resources available to them. Let us continue to pursue excellence together.

Beyond the academic realm, our students have also distinguished themselves in extracurricular activities, particularly in arts and culture. These engagements are instrumental in developing well-rounded individuals and fostering a strong sense of community and pride within our campus. Congratulations and thank you to all who participated and contributed to the vibrant spirit of Vuselela Potchefstroom Campus!

As we move forward, we extend our best wishes to our R191 Business Studies students as they prepare for their upcoming examinations. We also offer our encouragement to the NC(V) students, who will continue with their assessments in June. We have every confidence that your preparation, perseverance, and focus will yield success.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce the upcoming implementation of a new range of occupational programmes, designed to align with national development priorities and the evolving demands of the labour market.



Ms. NLF. Mofulatsi

In line with this strategic direction, we have begun the phasing out of the N1-N3 programmes to make way for these new, future-focused offerings. This transition marks a bold and forward-thinking step in ensuring that Vuselela TVET College remains at the forefront of skills development, relevance, and employability.

This term also brought a bittersweet moment as we bid farewell to Mrs SN Sishuba, a valued lecturer in the Education and Development department. Mrs Sishuba has relocated due to personal reasons, and we thank her sincerely for her service, warmth, and contribution to our academic community. We wish her every success in her next chapter.

At the same time, we extend a warm welcome to Mr MF Moshodi, who joins us from Motheo TVET College with a wealth of experience and renewed enthusiasm. We look forward to the positive impact he will bring to our campus.

Finally, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to all our staff members, students, and stakeholders for your ongoing commitment and resilience. Your hard work, collaboration, and passion for education continue to be the driving force behind our progress.

As we grow together into a dynamic, inclusive, and future-ready institution, let us remain steadfast in our shared commitment to excellence, innovation, and student success.



Potchefstroom students participated in skills camp

A group of dedicated Potchefstroom Campus students recently participated in the Higher Health Civic and Soft Skills Programme Camp, showing great enthusiasm and commitment throughout the initiative. The programme focused on key areas essential to student development and community well-being, including Mental Health, Gender-Based Violence (GBV), Drug and Substance Abuse, Resilience, and more.

Students who successfully completed the programme received certificates, recognizing their dedication to personal growth and social responsibility. The initiative not only equipped participants with valuable knowledge and life skills but also empowered them to become positive agents of change within their communities.



Potchefstroom Campus promote student wellness

As part of an ongoing commitment to student health and wellness, the campus recently hosted the Higher Health "First Things First" activations. These initiatives provide students with access to free on-campus health services, focusing on prevention, early detection, and education.

Through these activations, students receive vital information and services related to HIV, STIs, and other health concerns.

Preventive measures and voluntary testing are made easily accessible, helping to promote a healthier campus community.

Peer Educators play a key role in the success of the program. Always present and approachable, they provide their fellow students with accurate information, support, and guidance on health-related matters.

These ongoing efforts reflect the college's dedication to fostering a culture of care, responsibility, and well-being among its students.

EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION OF SKILLED PROFESSIONALS

Students showcase house wiring in Ventersdorp

In an inspiring display of hands-on learning and technical proficiency, Electrical Infrastructure and Construction (EIC) students from Vuselela TVET College - Potchefstroom Campus recently showcased their house wiring skills at a community event held at the Ventersdorp Community Hall.

Under the guidance of their dedicated lecturer, Mr Thabiso Phika, students Cathrine Selemela and Amokelani Ngobeni led the presentation, demonstrating residential electrical wiring in alignment with South African National Safety Standards.

The event served not only as a show-case of their capabilities, but also as an outreach effort, with learners from schools across Ventersdorp invited to attend and explore future opportunities in the electrical trade after completing matric.

In an era where academic knowledge alone is no longer enough to ensure long-term success, the importance of practical, career-ready skills cannot be overstated.

The EIC program at Vuselela Potchefstroom is equipping students with exactly that - giving them the opportunity to gain real-world experience, one wire at a time.

From wiring distribution boards and installing electrical outlets to troubleshooting faults and adhering to strict safety protocols, students are gaining the kind of knowledge that prepares them for industry challenges and opportunities.

Training begins in the classroom but is regularly extended into real-life settings through community projects, workshops, and supervised repair work - such as fixing household appliances brought in by local residents.



From left to right: T Khabe, M Ntozonke, IEC lecturer T Phika, A Ngobeni, C Selemela, ERD lecturer A Machika

Building a skilled, future-ready generation

As the demand for smart home technology and sustainable energy solutions continues to grow, the need for skilled electrical professionals is more urgent than ever. Through initiatives like this, Vuselela TVET College is not only educating students but empowering them - helping bridge the gap between education and employment, and between potential and professional success.

By learning to wire a house, these students aren't just connecting cables - they're connecting knowledge with experience, and passion with purpose. The event in Ventersdorp was a clear testament to the power of vocational education in shaping a brighter, more capable future.

SPVT trainees assessed on working at heights





As part of their practical training modules, the Solar Photovoltaic Technician Services (SPVT) trainees at Matlosana Campus recently underwent a formal assessment on working at heights. The assessment took place at the SPVT workshop and formed a critical component of their hands-on learning experience.

This practical evaluation is essential for ensuring that trainees are equipped with the necessary safety skills and technical competencies required in the solar energy industry. Working at heights is a fundamental aspect of solar photovoltaic installation and maintenance, and the assessment aimed to reinforce best practices in occupational health and safety.

The campus commends the trainees for their professionalism and commitment to mastering the practical elements of their programme, and remains committed to producing skilled, safety-conscious graduates ready to meet industry demands.



THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HOUSE WIRING SKILLS

1. Empowerment Through Skill

House wiring is not just a technical task—it's a life skill. In today's electricity-driven world, understanding the basics of safe electrical installation empowers students to manage repairs, make informed decisions, and reduce reliance on costly professional services.

2. Career Readiness

For aspiring professionals in fields like electrical engineering, construction, and renewable energy, practical wiring experience is invaluable. It enhances employability, opens doors to freelance opportunities, and provides a competitive edge in the job market.

3. Promoting Safety and Awareness

Proper training in electrical wiring also cultivates a culture of safety. Students who understand correct installation methods are better equipped to prevent electrical hazards and promote safe practices in their communities.



Netball team scores bronze

Vuselela Potchefstroom Campus proudly took part in the Sportistic College Cup on 12 April at the Potchefstroom Agricultural College. This is a highly anticipated multi-sport tournament that brings together colleges from across the North West Province.

Our netball team delivered an outstanding performance, showcasing skill, determination, and unwavering team spirit.

After a day of thrilling matchups and spirited competition, they secured a well-earned bronze medal, placing third among some of the top collegiate teams in the province.

Congratulations to our netball team for this impressive achievement and for flying the Vuselela flag high!

Soccer team claims silver

The men's soccer team impressed from the outset, advancing through the group stages and knockout rounds to secure a place in the tournament final. Due to time limitations on April 12, the final match was rescheduled to May 17, a change that did not dampen the team's focus or drive.

When the final whistle blew, our team had earned a commendable second place, bringing home the silver medal after a fiercely contested match. Their resilience and sportsmanship throughout the tournament were truly inspiring.

A big well done to our soccer stars for their outstanding performance and hard-fought success!

These accomplishments underscore Vuselela Potch Campus's growing impact in provincial college sport. The passion, discipline, and talent exhibited by our athletes were a source of pride for students, staff, and supporters.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the athletes, coaches, and support teams who contributed to this memorable chapter in our sporting journey.



Potchefstroom Campus welcomes Mr Moshodi and greets Mrs Sishuba

The Potchefstroom Campus is pleased to welcome Mr MF Moshodi to our academic family. Mr Moshodi holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree, with specialisations in Psychology and Economics, and brings with him a wealth of experience from Motheo TVET College (Thaba Nchu Campus - Bloemfontein), where he served as a lecturer for nine years.

He joins our Education and Development department, stepping into the role previously held by Mrs SN Sishuba. We are confident that Mr Moshodi's expertise and dedication will make a valuable contribution to our teaching and learning environment. We look forward to the positive impact he will bring to our campus community.

At the same time, we extend our heartfelt thanks and best wishes to Mrs Sishuba, who departed in April after six years of dedicated service. She joined our campus in 2018, where she taught Life Skills and Computer Literacy, and later expanded her teaching portfolio to include Learning Psychology and Early Childhood Development.





Mrs Sishuba was known for her warmth, compassion, and unwavering support of her students. She was deeply appreciated by both colleagues and learners alike, and her presence will be sincerely missed.

We wish Mrs Sishuba every success and happiness in her new journey, and once again, extend a warm welcome to Mr Moshodi as he begins this new chapter with us.

Future entrepreneurs bring business to life

As part of their practical assessment for the New Venture Creation Level 4 program, students recently hosted a dynamic and engaging Market Day event, turning theory into practice and transforming the campus into a lively showcase of entrepreneurship.

Working in teams of five, students were challenged to conceptualize, plan, and launch a small business for the day - either product- or service-based. Over the course of 2- 3 hours, the campus buzzed with activity as pop-up stalls and booths came to life, offering everything from delicious food and handmade crafts to beauty treatments and tech support.



The goal: to apply classroom learning in a real-world setting, while gaining hands-on experience in marketing, customer service, sales, and teamwork. And the results spoke for themselves.

The event drew enthusiastic participation from fellow students, staff, and lecturers alike. Visitors eagerly explored the variety of businesses on display, providing not only moral support but also real customers and feedback - key ingredients for any entrepreneurial venture.

The vibrant atmosphere reflected the students' creativity, commitment, and confidence. Each team demonstrated strong business acumen and professionalism, showing they could take initiative, adapt to customer needs, and collaborate effectively under pressure.



Lecturers commended the students for their innovation and execution, noting that the event clearly demonstrated their ability to apply theoretical knowledge to real-life scenarios - an essential outcome of the New Venture Creation curriculum.

Beyond being a fun and interactive campus event, Market Day served as a crucial stepping stone for these future entrepreneurs. It offered a safe yet realistic environment to test ideas, build confidence, and learn valuable lessons about the challenges and rewards of running a business.