

MPUMALANGA & NORTH WEST TVET COLLEGES BATTLE IT OUT FOR THE 'REGIONAL MANDELA CENTENARY QUIZ COMPETITION' TITLE



Acting Regional Manager, Mr Nick Balkrishen congratulating the winning team from Nkangala TVET College

In the spirit of celebrating the historic milestone that is the late Nelson Mandela's centennial birthday, six teams from TVET Colleges in the Mpumalanga and North West region, competed against each other at the first ever Regional Mandela Quiz Competition, which took place at ORBIT TVET College, Rustenburg Campus on 17 July 2018.

Eighteen participants (three students per team) from Ehlanzeni, Gert Sibande, Nkangala, ORBIT, Taletso, and Vuselela TVET Colleges went head-to-head during four exhilarating rounds of the inaugural "Regional Mandela Centenary Quiz. All questions were based on the life and times of the iconic Madiba.

Acting Regional Manager, Mr Nick Balkrishen welcomed guests, and highlighted that the purpose of the event was to celebrate and promote the unending legacy of Mandela. The audience was treated to a special surprise, as celebrity and actor in the popular TV soapie, *Scandal*. Mr Kagiso Modupe graced the occasion with his presence and played the role of the 'Quiz Master' and co-host, alongside Ms Tshego Rapoo from ORBIT College.

After round 1 (True and False Round) and Round 2 (Multiple Choice Round) teams Ehlanzeni and Taletso were the first to be eliminated. The level of difficulty increased as the remaining four teams advanced to the next rounds. In round 3, participants

were given 67 seconds each to answer as many questions as possible, posed to them by the Quiz Master. At the end of the "67 seconds" round Team Gert Sibande was eliminated. By this stage the tension amongst the remaining participants and the audience was palpable.

It was up to Teams ORBIT, Nkangala and Vuselela to prove which team was the most knowledgeable on Tata Madiba's life, as they battled it out in the finale round - the 'Buzzer' round'. After a nail-biting round of tough questions, Team Nkangala won the coveted '2018 Regional Mandela Quiz' trophy. Team ORBIT clinched position 2, while Team Vuselela was the 2nd runner up. The three winning teams were awarded medals and walked away with exciting prizes. The Chairpersons of the College Councils handed out certificates to all participants. Team managers were also recognised for their efforts in ensuring that the students were well prepared for the competition.

Students from the participating colleges and Acapella group, *Sent Vocals*, kept the audience entertained with their renditions of poetry and songs about the 'Father of the Nation'. The captain of Team Nkangala, indicated to SABC news that his extensive research of Nelson Mandela, in preparation for the quiz, was "life-changing" as he learnt the intricate details of the numerous sacrifices that Nelson Mandela and many other 'freedom fighter' had to make to attain the democracy that we now enjoy.

Among the distinguished guests in attendance, were Chairpersons of College Councils, Principals, Deputy Principals, officials from the Regional Offices, Regional Mandela Quiz Working Committee members, ORBIT College Nelson Mandela Centenary Committee members, Student Support Officials and selected students from participating Colleges.

The event was covered and aired on the SABC 2 news channel.



The eighteen quiz participants from the Mpumalanga and North West Region (Ehlanzeni, Gert Sibande, Nkangala, ORBIT, Taletso and Vuselela TVET Colleges)



Quiz Master, Mr K Modupe, Programme Director, Ms T Rapoo, Acting Regional Manager, Mr N Balkrishen, Acting Principal of Ehlanzeni College, Ms M Marais and Principal of ORBIT College, Mr D Mokoena, during the awarding of medals to the top three teams (ORBIT, Nkangala and Vuselela Colleges)



Pictured from left to right: Ms V Tloubatla (Mr Modupe's Manager), Mr K Modupe (Quiz Master), Mr N Balkrishen (Acting Regional Manager), Mr KM Mokone (Mpumalanga CET College Principal), Ms M Marais (Ehlanzeni TVET College Acting Principal) and Ms Tshego Rapoo, during the briefing session before the competition