

Editorial

As 2017 winds down to a slow but eventful end, it is often a good time for one to reflect and do personal 'stock-taking'... an audit of sorts. Every year seems more eventful than the last, and in this economy that is shedding jobs, we need to reflect more and more on our wellness and the contributions we make to the productive chain linking the different units. Production is like a relay race; all the runners are important, and the smooth passing over the baton is perhaps more crucial than the running itself. Having said that, let us continue to do our best to motivate ourselves to do even better.

Still on the subject of running, ORBIT TVET College bids farewell to one of its most efficient 'runners'. After 14 years of dedicated service in the TVET College Sector and 44 years in education, the Principal, Ms Maryna Marais is retiring, after a marathon which saw her oversee a merger, amongst other achievements. Together with the management of the College, she propelled the College to an enviable standard the TVET College sector.

Change is the only constant thing, and it does not have to be painful if we recommit ourselves daily to our chosen careers and if we perform to the best of our abilities. Even with these inevitable changes ahead, our main priority as a College, still remains knuckling down in skilling the South African youth. That is our role- and each of us is playing a vital part in it. So, as we wrap up what has been an action-filled year, Odyssey wants to salute its 'star player'- YOU, the reader!

"I am a series of small victories and large defeats. And I am as amazed as any other that I have gotten from there to here"- Charles Bukowski

Our best wishes to you and your families! Wishing you a merry Christmas and a prosperous 2018!

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BUSINESS BREAKFAST WITH COLLEGE PARTNERS A GREAT SUCCESS!

With government having emphasised the importance of TVET College students being provided with work placement and work exposure opportunities, ORBIT TVET College hosted a Business Breakfast on 31 August 2017 at the Central Office, which saw a significant number of decision-makers from various businesses and industries in the Bojanala District coming together. The event was aimed at maintaining and forging sustainable partnerships between the College and its current and new partners towards building and developing a skilled workforce; with the focus being on the following objectives:

- To source mutually beneficial projects to promote and enhance artisan development opportunities.
- To increase work experience opportunities for College students.
- To increase work placement opportunities for College graduates.

Agreement with the College to train 10 students as Artisans in Welding.

The Rustenburg Local Municipality has also signed a Service level Agreement with the College to train their employees in different skills programmes

Ford SA Technical Training Manager, Mr C Kemp, substantiated the mutual benefits both the College and his organisation continue to enjoy through the partnership. Another partner of the College, Mr G Motlou, Training Manager at Tharisa Mine, echoed Mr Kemp's sentiments, and also encouraged other partners to come on board so as to assist the College in finding solutions to the evident shortage of potential employers for students.



Stakeholders from various companies who attended the Business Breakfast hosted by ORBIT College on 31 August 2017

To Use the College as a centre for job seekers.
To increase work placement opportunities for College lecturers in collaboration with business partners to up-skill their knowledge of business and industry practices.

The College has been a beneficiary of funded training programmes ranging from short skills programmes, learnerships programmes, learners' internship programmes and artisan development programmes. Funding received from the SETAs, Industry, municipalities, and government departments shows confidence in the College and is worth celebrating as successful partnerships that have been forged include the following:

A highlight for years has been our long standing relationship with Ford SA. Ford has made ORBIT College a Centre of Training Excellence by donating engines, machines and a fully-fledged workshop to benefit students training in Automotive Repairs and Maintenance.

Samsung SA donated a fully equipped training workshop for the College to train students in Refrigeration, Electronics and Air-conditioning. SASOL and ISFAP also signed a Service Level Agreement with the College to train 20 students in the field of Artisan Development Electrical and Boilermaking.

AECI Education Trust signed a Service Level

Mr Peter Matlou, the Business Development and Innovation Manager, who was also the Programme Director for the day, summarised the importance of creating partnerships with Industries, government department, municipalities, private training providers, higher education institutions, and international partners.

"The partnerships we engage in are basically framed as a process to enhance the quality of learning and teaching, whilst also focusing on the students' readiness for the workplace. Our students have experienced support from your companies and one can only hope to turn these into rock solid relationships for the future of our students", Mr Matlou said as he addressed the delegates.

After the presentations, delegates were taken on a campus tour to the Rustenburg Campus Engineering and Jewellery workshop facilities. This was followed by a scrumptious breakfast served during a networking session. The College would like to thank the following companies for supporting the College and for attending the event:

Ford SA, Tharisa Mine, Electro Diesel, ABSA, Standard Bank, SEDA Provincial Office, SEDA Platinum Incubator, Impala Platinum, ETDP SETA, Auditor General NW, Rustenburg Local Municipality, Golden Leopards Resort, Sande Services & Projects, Platinum Weekly, Konica Minolta, Red Apple, Tlhale Engineering, SASOL, ISFAP and Tshenolo Guest House.

by Tshagofatso Rapoo and Peter Matlou



From left to right: Mr T Mosito (ORBIT TVET College Deputy Principal: Academic Programmes & Students Support Services), Mr C Kemp (Technical Training Manager Ford SA), Ms M Marais (ORBIT College Principal), Mr G Motlou (Technical Training Manager at Tharisa Mine) and Mr P Matlou (Programme Director & Business Development & Innovation Manager at ORBIT College)



Delegates at the Rustenburg Campus Jewellery workshop during their tour of the campus



Delegates enjoyed a networking session before and after the presentations

The Bigger Picture

CATCHING UP WITH PRINCIPAL, MS MARYNA MARAIS BEFORE SHE RETIRES...

Fourty four years of dedicated service in Education! This is indeed an achievement that needs to be celebrated! Let's go for a quick stroll down memory lane to recap this extraordinary journey:

Ms Marais started her career as a teacher for grades 10 – 12 Accounting and Business Economics at Hoërskool Hartbeespoort in January 1974.

She got married at the end of 1974 and then taught at Carletonville Hoërskool and Hoërskool Jan Viljoen in Randfontein where she was the Head of Department of Commercial Subjects.

Her husband, who was also a teacher at that time, then got promoted as Principal of Hoërskool Wesvalia in Klerksdorp in 1992. The only teaching post that Ms Marais could get in Klerksdorp was at the then Klerksdorp Technical College where she started as a lecturer from October 1992 - December 1995.

Ms Marais describes the move from the schooling system to the

Technical College system as a new, exciting and sometimes scary experience as she knew very little about Technical Colleges! She was an examiner and moderator for Economics Higher and Standard Grades and used to write articles on examination tips in the Beeld and Readers Digest but now had to start all over as a PL 1 lecturer offering Office Practice to N4 – N6 students in an environment which was totally different from being a teacher at a school.

She was then appointed as the Head of Administration (Registrar) at Klerksdorp College in January 1996 and from January 2001 – March 2003 Ms Marais was the Vice-Rector at Klerksdorp Technical College. Ms Marais says that her experience as a teacher,

Head of Department, lecturer, Head of Administration and Vice-Rector "groomed" her to understand all aspects of the College Sector before she was appointed as Principal of ORBIT College on 1 April 2003.

SHARING SOME WORDS OF WISDOM

We caught up with her to chat about leadership, education, and life in general. This is what she had to say...

Describe your tenure as Principal of ORBIT College in just three words?

Exciting, personal growth and fulfilling.

Share with us some of the highlights of your career?

Being able to provide a vision, set direction and inspire people to believe in the ORBIT Dream, despite all the challenges experienced after the merger of Technical Colleges.

Being awarded the Golden Award for Leadership in the North West Province during the Public Service Excellence Awards of the Premier of the North West Province.

Since 2003 the infrastructure of ORBIT College has been improved to ensure a conducive teaching and learning environment. The following new infrastructure has been established since 2003: 10 Engineering workshops that are fully equipped with the latest equipment (aligned to Industry standards), all Campuses have fully functional and equipped Student Support Centres, all lecturing class rooms and workshops have full connectivity and each class room has a computer for the use of the lecturer, a Central Office, a state-of-the-art Hospitality Training Centre for workplace simulation, a multi-purpose hall at Brits Campus, additional class rooms at all 3 campuses, etc. In general, the facilities of all ORBIT College sites are of a high standard which contributes to a positive teaching and learning environment and reflects a corporate image that is attractive to both staff and students.

Being able to learn more about the sector and to share my knowledge and experience at various platforms such as being a member of the National Executive Committee of the South African Principals' Organisation since 2004, member of Ministerial Task Teams such as the Ministerial Committee on Articulation Policy, Task Teams appointed by the DG of DHET such as National Implementation Task Team (NITT) that provided oversight over the transfer of colleges to the DHET, Task Team for TVET College Bursary Scheme, Task Team member for the development of Post Provisioning Norms and Standards for TVET College staff and Trainer and Head of Cluster for the DHET Campus Manager Training.

What can you say about the stature of TVET Colleges in the country?

Since the inception of the new Ministry in 2009, TVET Colleges have been seen differently by various stakeholders. The College Sector is central to the provision of post-school education and training, and is the area targeted by the DHET for the greatest expansion and diversification. The sector still has a long way to go to address all challenges but the future of TVET Colleges is bright with so many possibilities to make an impact on the socio-economic spheres of

our country.

Are you satisfied with the role Colleges are playing in addressing the skills shortage and unemployment in the country?

Although there are achievements in this regard, much more can be done. The challenge is that all programmes are not 100% aligned to Industry needs. However, the DHET is addressing this challenge by establishing Centres of Specialisation which will focus on the new QCTO Occupational Qualifications in close collaboration with employers.

What role would you say your Senior Management team and staff have played in helping you with your achievements with the College?

I would not have been able to achieve what we have achieved without my Deputies, the Management Board and the rest of the staff. As they say, Teamwork makes the Dream work!

Share with us some of your leadership pearls of wisdom?

You can hire people to work for you but you have to win their hearts to get them to work with you.

You get what you work for, not what you wish for!

Attitude changes everything!

Always do the right thing as

integrity is choosing your thoughts and actions based on values and principles, not on personal gain.

A dream written down with a date becomes a goal.

A goal broken into steps becomes a plan.

A plan backed by action makes your dreams come true. You don't have endless tomorrows, make TODAY count.

Being the best person you can be is not possible when God is not in your life.

Any advice for the new Principal of ORBIT TVET College?

The post is not about the title! Make every day count by learning lessons from ants. There is no "I" in ant. For ants, it is simple: do your job and do it right and all the ants in the colony will benefit from it. Everything an ant does is for the benefit of the colony and they will work until they are done.

On a lighter note...

What's your favourite song of all time?

"The Fight Song" by Rachel Patten as it was one of the songs that kept me going when things were tough during the time I was diagnosed by cancer.



Ms Maryna Marais
ORBIT College Principal

If you could meet any living person for a chat over dinner, who would you pick and why?

Nick Vujicic:

He was born with tetra-amelia syndrome, a rare disorder characterised by the absence of all four limbs. His videos on You Tube: have inspired millions and millions of people with his message to love life and live without limits. He was tormented to such an extent that at the age of 10 he attempted suicide. After years of feeling alone and worthless, he had an epiphany one day while reading an article.

He read about a disabled man who refused to let physical limitations dictate his life. At that moment, Nick says, he realized he had the ability to take control of his life. Instead of looking at everything he lacked, he decided to look at everything he could have. Now a famous author and international speaker, Nick inspires the world every day to live a life without limits. His message is brilliantly sobering and electric and I think it will inspire me to live the new phase of my life without limits!

What is your dream holiday destination, and who would you take with you?

Bali, Indonesia and I will take the most important person in my life, my husband with me.

Would you rather be liked or respected?

Respected as you have to earn it!

If you were to create a slogan for your life, what would the slogan be?

Your life is your message to the world, make sure you make a difference by blooming where you are planted!

Ms Marais, you have worked assiduously throughout your tenure as Principal of ORBIT TVET College. As you enter a new season in your life, the staff and students of the College wish you sound health and blessings in abundance. May your life after retirement be a happy one with endless wonderful memories.

EVERY END IS A NEW BEGINNING!

The Bigger Picture



Principal of ORBIT TVET College, Ms Maryna Marais with the awards she received on behalf of the College for the Centre for Specialisation for Diesel Trade at Mankwe Campus and Centre for Specialisation for Electrical at Brits Campus. Ms Marais also received an award for her role as 'Head of Trainers' for the Campus Managers Training Project

Excellence in TVET College Sector celebrated at TVET Imbizo

In addressing pressing issues within the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Sector, the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) hosted an Imbizo from 3 - 5 October 2017 in Benoni, Johannesburg.

TVET College Principals as well as various stakeholders including former Minister of Higher Education and Training, Dr Blade Nzimande, NEHAWU and other prominent individuals in Higher Education were invited to the three-day conference, pursuant of solutions to some of the biggest challenges facing TVET Colleges.

The purpose of the Imbizo according to the DHET was "to identify the challenges in the TVET system, and to analyse the underlying causes of systemic problems and collectively formulate mechanisms to resolve these challenges". Under the TVET Sector 2017 theme 'Defining a shared vision, removing obstacles and

charting a roadmap to our destination', some of the key issues addressed during the Imbizo amongst others were: governance and management issues, lack of funding as well as the responsive and relevance of the TVET College curriculum.

The conference was concluded on a high note, as the former Minister, Dr Nzimande recognised and celebrated excelling Colleges and stakeholders during the 'TVET Colleges Excellence Award Ceremony' which took place on day one of the Imbizo. ORBIT College was amongst the crème de la crop, and was awarded Centre of Specialisation for Diesel Trade at Mankwe Campus and Centre of Specialisation for the Electrician trade at Brits Campus. Ms M Marais, Principal of ORBIT College was awarded for her role and participation in the Professional Development of Campus Managers' Training Project.

WHAT IS A CENTRE OF SPECIALISATION?

A Centre of Specialisation is a faculty or department in a post-school/higher education and training institution, such as a TVET

College, that strives for excellence in its delivery of the theoretical and practical components of a specified occupation, trade or cluster of related occupations.

It has excellent relationships with employers for the provision of workplace learning for these trades. Such a Centre will be recognised by the DHET for this purpose.

Once an institution has been designated as such a Centre, employers and levy funders will be informed that this institution enjoys recognition and they will be encouraged to support it to become a Centre of Excellence over time. In other words a Centre of Specialisation need not yet be a Centre of Excellence.

We request all employers who have an interest in the Diesel and Electrical Trades to join hands with ORBIT College to make a success of the two Centres of Specialisation at Mankwe and Brits Campuses respectively.



Former Minister of Higher Education and Training, Dr B Nzimande awarding and congratulating Ms M Marais at the TVET Colleges Excellence Awards Ceremony on 3 October 2017

by Tshgefotso Rapoo

ORBIT COLLEGE HOSTS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF CAMPUS MANAGERS' TRAINING PROJECT



Twenty one Campus Managers from eight TVET Colleges with Principal of ORBIT College, Ms M Marais

ORBIT College, Central Office hosted twenty six Campus Managers from various TVET Colleges and DHET officials from 23-25 August 2017, as part of the Professional Development of Campus Managers'

Project. The three day block training, was hosted across seven training centres, with the participation of approximately one hundred and fifty Campus Managers. Principal, Ms Maryna Marais, who is the head of Cluster 6 (Rustenburg), spearheaded the workshop, which covered the following themes: across



MS M Marais facilitated the training for Cluster 6

the country for a three day block training which took place. Planning and management of campus systems and processes; Campus infrastructure, facilities and equipment management. Campus Managers from the following Colleges shared best practices and also participated in various team building activities:

ORBIT TVET College, Central Johannesburg TVET College, Sedibeng College, South West Gauteng TVET College, Tshwane South TVET College, Wescol TVET

College, Taletso TVET College and Vuselela TVET College.

The second block training will take place from 4-6 December 2017. ORBIT College will once again host two hundred and fifty (250) Campus Managers at Mankwe Campus. The training will cover the 'Design and Management of Effective Teaching and Learning System and Developing Good Practices in Student Support Services.

by Tshgefotso Rapoo



CAMPUS MANAGERS TOOK PART IN TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITIES



ORBIT TVET COLLEGE

25 November - 10 December

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

"LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND: END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN"

"Violence against women and children is a human rights violation, health pandemic and serious obstacle to sustainable development. It imposes large-scale costs on families, communities and economies. The world cannot afford to pay this price." — **Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary-General**

DHET WELCOMES PROF. HLENGIWE MKHIZE AS NEW MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING



Hon. Prof Hlengiwe Mkhize Minister of Higher Education & Training

The Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) has welcomed the appointment of both Professor Hlengiwe Mkhize and Mr Buti Manamela. They are the new Minister and Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Training respectively.

In a statement, DHET Director General Mr Gwebinkundla Qonde said, the Department's management team and entire staff is looking forward to supporting both the newly appointed Ministers. They will be supported in their capacity as leading the Ministry and the entire Post-School Education and Training (PSET) sector. "This is a critical phase for South Africa and the PSET sector. In that light, we warmly welcome both Ministers. We have no doubt that together we will continue to achieve many things to advance higher education and training in the country," he said.

Prof Mkhize joins Higher Education and Training after a brief stint as the Minister of Home Affairs. Deputy Minister Buti Manamela, joins DHET from the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation. Mr Qonde also took the opportunity to wish former

Minister Dr Blade Nzimande well. He thanked him for his contribution to higher education and training while he was still in office. "Although the DHET is relatively new, it has achieved many important things under his leadership. I call on all colleagues to stay focused, and to give Prof Mkhize as much support as we did to Dr Nzimande," he added.

Extracted from www.dhet.gov.za

ORBIT COLLEGE WELCOMES NEW COLLEGE COUNCIL MEMBER



Mr T Dubazana Newly appointed ORBIT College Council Member

ORBIT TVET College wishes to welcome and congratulate Mr Themba Dubazana on his appointment as Ministerial appointee of the College Council. Mr Dubazana was appointed by former Minister of Higher Education and Training, Dr Blade Nzimande in July 2017, in terms of Section 10(4)(b) of the Continuing Education and Training Act, No. 16 of 2006 as amended. He will serve on the Council for five years.

EN ROUTE VIA CENTRAL OFFICE

FROM THE MARKETING & RECRUITMENT DESK

“On the GRID - doing it for the forgotten markets”

The Marketing and Recruitment team always strives to achieve set targets and never forgets to wave its magic wand to produce outstanding results, even when it seems impossible. Our main focus in 2017 was to target the Out-of-School Youth and NEETs (persons who are not in employment, education or training) within surrounding communities. It has been alluded in the past that Colleges need to have a working strategy for these unique markets.

The reality is that at the end of every academic year we experience an increase of school leavers, youths and matriculants flooding the streets! These forgotten markets need to be rehabilitated into the education

system! The BIG QUESTION??? Whose responsibility is this? How do we ensure that our youth contribute positively to our economy and NOT roam around the streets? TVET Colleges have a great advantage over other educational institutions in the Country in dealing with this big elephant in the room because of our mandate to contribute and promote the Skills Development Agenda. In order to do justice to this mandate the ORBIT College Marketing and Recruitment Team took the initiative to prioritise, explore the NEETs markets and produce tangible results at the end of the day. The following variety of recruitment drives were implemented amongst others, to reach out to the identified markets:

School Visits

Various schools, some in the deep rural areas, were visited during the second semester of this year to ensure that they are informed about career opportunities timeously and able to make informed decisions. The following schools were reached: Tshepagalang Secondary School in Letlhabile, Mmamogwai Secondary School in Shakung Village, Rakgatla Secondary School in Wonderkoppies, Mojagedi Secondary School in Maumong Village and Moedwil Secondary School in Swartruggens. School Visits mainly targeted Grade 12 learners and Out-of-School Youths.

Career Exhibitions

A number of Career Exhibitions were attended where the College had an opportunity to display its services to the various target markets. The following were attended career expos: Meridian Annual Career Expo, Pella-Matlhako Career Expo, Taung NGO Youth Organisation, Youth Empowerment expo, Education and Awareness Campaign, Glencore Mine Career Exhibition and Annual Roving Career Expos. Many of these expos targeted the Out-of-School Markets which was the focus this year. A variety of learners from Grade 8 to 12 and Afrikaans/English medium learners were also part of the mix who attended the expos.

by Wilheminah Modisane



Education and Awareness Career Exhibition hosted at Northam Comprehensive School. Schools from Moses Kotane Area and Northam Area were targeted.



Grade 9 learners of Matlhare Mokautu Secondary School in Monakato Village receiving life skills and career guidance

FRONTLINE STAFF ATTEND A CLIENT RELATIONS SUPPORT SESSION

Ms O Matlapeng, Call Centre Administrator at Central Office, facilitated the frontline staff support sessions on 3 November 2017 at Mankwe Campus, as part of the Corporate Communications Operational Plan and Client Relations Strategy. Frontline staff from Central Office, Brits, Mankwe and Rustenburg Campuses attended the session, which are aimed at equipping the frontline staff with the necessary skills, documents and knowledge on client relations, brand complaints, and enquiries management.

The session was conducted to support and monitor the implementation of the resolution taken during the last support session in April 2017. The sessions have assisted in increasing the level of client satisfaction, as evident in the Client Relation forms analysis. The number of complaints received at the College have also decreased drastically.

“Remember...no matter how good your feedback is, you always start over with the next customer.” – Shep Hyken

by Oratile Matlapeng

2017 MANDELA DAY A MEMORABLE ONE FOR TWO STUDENTS

This year, Central Office decided that the focus for 67 minutes of goodwill should be shifted closer to home. Central Office staff went out of their way to put smiles on two of our very own students' faces. The 2017 Mandela Day Committee identified the academically performing students who are from impoverished backgrounds and who were in dire need of assistance.

Staff raised more than R3000 in cash, which was used to purchase a microwave, cutlery and crockery, groceries, glassware and chairs. Some staff members also donated the following items: double bed, bedding, pillows, study desk, refrigerator, groceries and cutlery. The goods were delivered by members of the Committee to each of the recipients' homes.

The College would also like to thank Bidvest Steiner, Office National, Wetchem and Standard bank for their donations of cleaning materials, stationery, vegetables and sanitary pads towards this very worthy cause.

Congratulations to the 2017 Mandela Day Committee for a job well done!

by Mariette Viljoen



Some of the items bought and donated to our two students for Mandela Day

STAFF CELEBRATE HERITAGE DAY IN TRUE SOUTH AFRICAN FASHION

On Friday, 22 September, Central Office staff got together on the roof top to celebrate Heritage Day in true South African fashion – fire, meat and a proper braai!

While three gentlemen, Thinus Britz, Reuben Marakalala and Grantham Pick did a superb job of the actual “braai”, some ladies prepared fresh bread rolls. In true multi-cultural fashion, popular, catchy music of Johnny Clegg, Yvonne Chaka-Chaka and Shakira



The Braai Masters- Mr R Marakalala, Mr T Brits and Mr G Pick made sure there was enough braai meat for everyone



Central Office staff getting down to the sounds of Yvonne Chakachaka and Mafikizolo

was played. It was not long before the hips started moving along with the beat! The highlight of the celebration was a traditional dance duo by Lillian Rantwa and Dr Joe Viljoen!

Everyone who enjoyed the two hours of fun, sun and a delicious boerewors roll or two agreed that this should become an annual tradition at Central Office.

by Tshagafatso Rapoo



Staff helped themselves to a boerewors roll or two



Heritage Day celebrated in style and colour



Staff helped themselves to a boerewors roll or two



LET'S TAKE HANDS AND REPORT FRAUD AND CORRUPTION!

SERIOUS OFFENCES INCLUDE:

ACADEMIC FRAUD

(e.g. tampering with marks)

BURSARY FRAUD

(e.g. tampering with claim forms)

REGISTRATION FRAUD

(e.g. accepting money to secure a space)

SUPPLY CHAIN FRAUD



REPORT ALLEGED FRAUD AND CORRUPTION TO:

ORBIT TVET College Internal Audit and Assurance Unit – 014 592 5539
Office of the Auditor-General – 012 426 8000
National Anti-Corruption Hotline – 0800 701 701
Crime Stop/SAPS – 0860 010 111
Corruption Watch – 0800 023 456

DETAILS OF PERSONS WHO REPORT ALLEGED FRAUD AND CORRUPTION WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL

SPEAKING FROM THE HEART

As we are approaching the end of the year. It's time to take a glimpse of the successes and challenges of the journey travelled during 2017.

Building H needed to be renovated in order to comply with Health and Safety regulations. Little did we know that it would turn into a mammoth project. A project that was initially earmarked for four months, ended up with an anticipated deadline of two years! This left the campus in destitute, our patience being tested, the morale of students and staff being hugely affected; but we soldiered on with the hope that this too would come to pass. At present, we are working on a plan for 2018 to ensure that learning delivery is not negatively affected because of this challenge.

In the midst of it all, the campus is celebrating the awarding of Centre of Specialisation for Electrical Engineering. Brits Campus is extremely proud of this award as it means that the campus will be preparing 40 learners for Artisan Development Programmes, which will start rolling out in 2019 and produce 40 qualified Artisans in 2021. We realise that we have a huge job

ahead of us in terms of infrastructure and resources needed to make this project a success, but the excitement of becoming one of the piloting campuses, overcomes the fears within. I want to salute our Principal for daring to enter this competition and the men and women in the Electrical department who ensured compliance and our receiving this award.

Speaking about our Principal. I don't know where to begin. Our Principal is retiring this year and I will admit that I personally face this reality with mixed feelings. I look back to 2004, the year my path crossed with this courageous woman when she visited Temba Campus on her roadshow after her appointment as the CEO of the merged ORBIT College. Little did I know this would be the beginning of my career journey. She told us a very powerful story of a merchant selling shoes to a village of people who had never worn shoes. By the time she was done with the story I knew I wanted to sell shoes. Most importantly it was the way she poised herself that attracted us to her even more. We simply knew at that moment that despite the big shift happening in the sector, we will be in good hands. And over the years up

to this very moment, this perception proved to be right.

Ms Maryna Marais was not only our Principal, she was a teacher, motivator, encourager, mentor and an excellent coach. She believed in all of us and always wanted the best of us to emerge. She believed in the College Sector, her passion for her job rubbed on all of us and a beautiful culture was created across the college. It could take an entire Odyssey to describe this remarkable woman, but let me end by saying "I AM because YOU ARE! Thank you Ms Marais for your big heart.

We are also bidding farewell to my colleague Ms Miemie Scholtz, the Rustenburg Campus Manager. I am grateful to have had a partner like you with whom great ideas and encouragements could be shared. Thank you for your friendship, fare thee well!

Last but not least, I wish the staff and students of Brits Campus a blessed, wonderful festive season. May you be blessed exceedingly, abundantly and beyond measure! I thank you for all the hard work in ensuring



Ms T Tlhopile
Brits Campus Manager

compliance to the call of our duty. You are indeed the wind beneath my wings!

TO GOD BE THE GLORY...

FAREWELL FUNCTION FOR N6 & L4 STUDENTS

A farewell function was held on 20 October 2017 at Casa Grande Guest Lodge, for exiting N6 and Level 4 students.

The Campus Manager, Ms T Tlhopile, addressed the students on job readiness and general conduct in the world of work. She emphatically encouraged them to continue

pursuing their studies and not to simply rush into employment.

Mr I Nkosi, Senior Lecturer for Report 191 Business Studies, motivated the students and encouraged them to prepare for the challenges they may face while seeking employment.



Level 4 and N6 students at their farewell function held on 20 October 2017 at Casa Grande Guest Lodge in Brits

VILAKAZI STREET, SOWETO EXCURSION



Brits Campus students outside the Hector Petersen Memorial in Soweto

As part of the Life Orientation curriculum, one hundred and nine (109) NC (V) Level 4 students were taken on an excursion to Vilakazi Street in Soweto, Johannesburg on 28 September 2017, to learn more about the history of SA. Amongst some of the historical venues visited, were the Hector Petersen Memorial, as well as the Mandela and Tutu homes.

They were accompanied by Ms M Rampa (LO Lecturer), Ms M Mashongoane (Senior Lecturer LO), Mr J Selaolwe (LO Lecturer), Ms M Maswanganyi (LO Lecture), Ms S Lenyai (English Lecturer), and Ms M Mahlangu (English Lecturer).

NSF PROGRAMMES ROLLED OUT IN 2017

The Campus successfully rolled out various *National Skills Fund* programmes and learnerships including Community House Building, Early Childhood Development, Electrical Engineering and Plumbing. These programmes are aimed at providing compliant students with very valuable skills which will help them find jobs or start their own business - all in an effort to grow the country's economy.



Brits Campus students taking part in the Community House Building programme funded by NSF

CAREER GUIDANCE FOR YOUTH

The Student Support Unit was invited by the National Association of Child Care Workers in partnership with the Provincial Department of Social Development, to share career information with the youth of Bethanie at an expo held at the ba Mogopa Community Hall on 9 September 2017. Student Support Officer: Academic, Ms S Sebogodi, accompanied by three Student Support Interns, honoured the invitation to share information with the community members.

On the same day, the team also attended a parents meeting at Central Secondary School in Brits. Grade 9 learners and their parents were given information related to the various career options available in the TVET College Sector.



From left to right: Ms N Maduna (Student Support Intern), Ms K Moloi (Student Support Intern), Mr T Mamabolo (Student Support Intern) and Ms K Sebogodi (Student Support Officer: Academic) at an expo in the Ba Mogopa Community Hall in Bethanie



Ms K Sebogodi addressing Grade 9 learners and parents during a parents' meeting at Central Secondary School in Brits

BRITS CAMPUS DEVOTES 67 MIN TO STUDENTS & THE COMMUNITY

The annual celebration of Mandela Day on 18 July is a priority on the Brits Campus calendar. We make it our business to extend a helping hand and to show that we care.

This year the Campus staff saw it fit to make the day a special one for its own students. Students were treated to warm cups of soup, as well as bath soaps and sanitary pads donated by members of staff for needy students.

Some staff members also visited the 'God is able Day Care Centre', in Brits, where the campus donated food parcels and bath soaps to the little ones.



Students enjoyed a cup of warm soup, courtesy of the Campus staff



The staff and children from the 'God is able Day Care Centre' receiving food parcels from Brits Campus staff

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EMPLOYER LIAISON DINNER FOR BRITS CAMPUS

Brits Campus hosted its annual Employer Liaison Gala Dinner on Wednesday, 25 October 2017 at the Casa Grande Lodge, Brits with business partners from the Madibeng Municipality.

Programme Director and HoD for Finance & Management, Mr P Nkai, welcomed all distinguished guests and partners from *Madibeng Municipality, Keagile Wellness Development Centre, Office of the Premier, Boffin and Fundi, Brits District Hospital, Tshwane University of Technology, Department of Labour, National Association of Child & Youth Care Workers, Gauteng Department of Education, Bushveld Vametco, Department of Correctional Services and ORBIT TVET College, Centre for Entrepreneurship.*

Campus Manager, Ms Tebogo Tlhopile gave the background of the College as well as the vision and purpose of the function, which endeavours to strengthen current partnerships with employers while also seeking to bring new stakeholders on board.

Mr P Monama, The HR Development Manager at Brits District Hospital, a long standing partner of the Campus, gave a testimony of the fruitful partnership the Hospital has had with the Campus.

Mr Monama expressed the mutually beneficial and supportive relationship he has enjoyed with the Campus management over the years, amidst challenges.

He also encouraged other business partners to forge relationships with ORBIT College, in bridging the skills gap in the country.

The Campus wishes to thank all the stakeholders who graced the occasion while also hoping to attract more partners for the purposes of placing our exiting students at respective employers.

by Orotile Motloping



HR Development Manager at Brits District Hospital, Mr P Monama, gave a testimony of the hospital's longstanding and mutually beneficial partnership with Brits Campus



Brits Campus Manager, Ms Tlhopile, shared the vision and purpose of the Employer Liaison function with guests



Some of the guests in attendance



HoD for Finance & Management, Mr P Nkai, did an impressive job as the Programme Director

VISIT TO CRADLE OF HUMAN KIND

Forty six students who have performed well academically or who excelled in sports and other extra-mural activities in 2017, were treated to visit to the Cradle of Human Kind in Maropeng on 21 October 2017. The visit was a token of appreciation for their positive contribution towards the welfare of the campus. They were accompanied by Ms S Sebogodi (Student Support Officer: Academic), Mr J Mogale (Academic Lab Assistant),

Ms K Magapatona (Internet Café Administrator), Mr J Selaolwe (LO Lecturer), Ms M Rampa (LO Lecturer) and Student Support Interns.



The 2017 Sports Committee. From left to right Mr J Selaolwe (Volleyball), Mr K Phiri (Basketball), Ms L Mamorare (Netball), Mr T Motlhagodi (Rugby), Mr H Kgankenna (Soccer) and Mr P Mudalaothe (Chess)



The students and staff at one of the caves at the Cradle of Human Kind in Maropeng

2017 SPORTS COMMITTEE PLAYED THEIR PART

Brits Campus would like to thank the 2017 Sports Committee for their efforts and dedication during the year. The team is responsible for the welfare of students taking part in sports.

This year's students participated in different sporting codes including netball, volleyball, male and female soccer, basketball, table tennis, chess and rugby.

The Brits Campus sports teams also took part in the CoSSACSA Games selection.



EN ROUTE VIA Mankwe Campus

FROM THE CAMPUS MANAGER'S DESK...

On behalf of ORBIT TVET College Mankwe Campus Management and in my capacity as Campus Manager, I would like to convey deep regards and hearty thanks to all our students and staff for the hard work and commitment displayed in 2017. We assure our stakeholders that we will continue to work hard to mould knowledgeable, competent and world class graduates in 2018. As the curtain comes down on what was arguably the most exciting and most challenging year alike, we would also like to express our deep appreciation to the many donors and partners of the College and Mankwe Campus in particular. Your support enables us to make an impact. William Arthur Ward said that "Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it. Thank you for the friendship and support that you continue to give us.

I wish to share some campus highlights with you as we are fast approaching the end of 2017:

CENTRE OF SPECIALISATION

We are delighted to report that Mankwe Campus is now officially a Centre of Specialisation. A training institution that strives for excellence in its delivery of the theoretical and practical components of a specified occupation, trade or cluster of related occupations. We have established excellent relationships with employers such as FORD SA, with regards to the provision of workplace learning opportunities for students training in the Diesel trade. We have been recognised by DHET for this purpose. Employers and levy funders have been informed that Mankwe Campus enjoys this recognition and that they will be encouraged to support us to become a Centre of Excellence over time.

GREENING TVET INITIATIVES - ABOUR DAY

Mankwe Campus recognises the importance of educating youth about the benefits of keeping our environment as green as possible. With this in mind, we have made a firm commitment to celebrate Arbour Day once a year – a day on which trees are planted and emphasis is placed on the importance they play in the circle of life. People from all aspects of the community are urged to get involved and



The Mankwe Campus Greening Initiative Team, with students and other stakeholders during the planting of five trees at the Campus on 1 September

thousands are educated and made aware of the benefits of the many different aspects of forestry. Mankwe campus in partnership with the Moses Kotane Local Municipality; Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and Department of Correctional Services joined hands on 18 October 2017 by planting 5 (Five) trees on Campus as they celebrated the day. Allow me to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries for donating the trees.

PRAYER DAY FOR 2018 NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS

The local schools and churches were invited to join us for our annual life-changing prayer session. The session was held at Mankwe Campus to pray for both our College students and Grade 12 learners. This examination prayer meeting is a time when the Campus segregates itself from the world for a period of fervent prayer, seeking the Lord for direction and guidance.

It is our desire as Mankwe Campus to see that all our students in the Moses Kotane sub-region are spiritually renewed and encouraged. We had to purposefully step away from our day-to-day activities for that short time. The event was scheduled to commence at 12:00 on the 23 October 2017 at ORBIT TVET College, Mankwe Campus Chapel in Mogwase. By intentional design, the schedule was very flexible during the prayer day. The campus also distributed sanitary pads to local schools and churches during the examination prayer session as an extension of our humble support for learners in need in our community.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Campuses are directed to embark on community projects with Business and Community structures to improve

Campus grounds or facilities. Mankwe campus is thrilled to indicate that members of the Community and the SRC refurbished some of the Block A hostels that were in a sad state of disrepair. Kudos to the Moses Kotane Business community and local citizens for a job well done! Thank you for your invaluable contribution.

VEGETABLE GARDEN PROJECT

Mankwe Campus SRC showed enormous enthusiasm and worked closely with members of the community to establish a beautiful vegetable garden in an accessible space on campus. The SRC, community members and the Campus Greening team developed a wonderful garden through hard work and exceptional commitment. Despite initial challenges, all the stakeholders have been able to maintain this wonderful, praise-worthy garden for the benefit of all. A community gardening programme has the potential to reduce food insecurity, improve dietary intake and strengthen family relationships – "Don't give them fish, give them the rod to catch fish" – this is what drives and motivates the team.



Mr M Nkomo
Mankwe Campus Manager

IN-HOUSE TRAINING INSTITUTE

Mankwe Campus has been shortlisted as a TVET In-House Lecturer Training Institute establishment. The DHET is in the process of establishing TVET In-House Lecturer Training Institutes in collaboration with the German Development Bank (KfW). This is an opportunity of a lifetime for both the College and the Campus. For us, the hard work begins now. An announcement of the successful bidder will be made in 2018!

DEDICATED STUDENTS REWARDED

Students who have been consistent in with their academic achievements and class attendance of 80% and above, were rewarded with a tour to the popular Soweto Township, in Johannesburg on 31 August 2017.

Lab Assistant) and Ms T Mosieleng (Advice Desk Assistant), visited some of the monumental tourist attractions in the area, such as the Hector Peterson Museum, Nelson Mandela House and the Regina Mondli Catholic Church.

The group, accompanied by Student Support officials, Ms R Modiba (Student Support Officer: Academic), Mr Thapelo Mahuma (Academic Support

The purpose of the tour was to educate the students on the 'Soweto uprising' period which forms part of important South African history.



A tour guide gives students some background on the Soweto Uprising outside the Soweto home of the late iconic Nelson Mandela



A tour guide explains to students inside the Regina Mondli Catholic Church, the role the church played during the apartheid years. The church was built in 1964. Not only is it one of the biggest churches in Africa, but it became famous during the apartheid years when it opened its doors to anti-apartheid groups and activists

OFFICE ADMIN LEVEL 4 STUDENTS VISIT LESEDI CULTURAL VILLAGE

Office Administration NC (V) L4 students went on an educational excursion to Lesedi Cultural Village in July 2017, where they learned about the diverse cultures and cultural practices in South Africa. Lesedi Cultural Village offers visitors a chance to encounter people of Zulu, Pedi, Ndebele and Basotho origin.

Culture & Cultural practices are covered in the subject Business Practice; This visit bridged the gap between theory and practice as students experienced these individual cultures and rituals of daily life.



The fascinated students listen on as a lady of the Ndebele tribe tells them more about her culture



People of Basotho origin share their cultural experiences and way of life with the students

WALK & LEARN ON THE WILD SIDE

The Walk and Learn Project focuses on exposing Grade 9 - 12 learners from various Secondary Schools around the Waterberg District in Limpopo and Moses Kotane Municipalities to the different career options in the Hospitality and Tourism Sector.

Mankwe Campus Internet Café Assistant, Mr G Seome and Career Guidance Intern, Ms T Khule went out of their way to give learners relevant information and advice on the various programmes and career paths they can follow at ORBIT TVET College.

The project is held annually at Marakele National Park in Thabazimbi, where various institutions offer career guidance related to the Hospitality and Tourism fields to learners.



The visibly excited visitors get ready to go on a game drive



Mr G Seome (left) and Ms T Khule engage with learners and share information with them about the various programmes offered at ORBIT TVET college

EN ROUTE VIA Mankwe Campus

TOURISM STUDENTS EXPLORE STERK FONTEIN CAVES

The Tourism Department took the Tourism NC (V) L4 students on an exciting journey of discovery at the world-acclaimed visitor's destination, the Sterkfontein Caves- Maropeng in July 2017. The tour was informed by the need for students to learn about the evolution of human kind. The Sterkfontein Caves are owned by the University of the Witwatersrand, whose scientists have been responsible for the main excavations of the World Heritage Site.

They are credited with many of the famous discoveries including the world famous "Mrs Ples" and "Little Foot", an almost complete Australopithecus skeleton dating back more than 3 million years. The excursion proved to be a valuable experience to all students who attended.



Tourism NC (V) Level 4 students at the Sterkfontein exhibition, which explains the history of life on earth through fascinating displays

PEER ACADEMIC LEADERS TRAINING

At the beginning of every academic year, each campus identifies Peer Academic Leaders (PALs), whose roles are to offer academic support to their fellow peers throughout the year. The selected Mankwe Campus PALs attended a vigorous training session from 23 to 25 June 2017 at Sundown Ranch Hotel, Rustenburg, which involved peer tutoring skills, study skills and time management strategies.

Student Support Officials also took the PALs through their roles and responsibilities in assisting with the improvement of the certification and pass rates of their peers. Not only did the training prove to be educational, but it was fun, as students participated in a variety of team building activities.



2017 Mankwe Campus Peer Academic Leaders (PALs)



PALs taking part in indoor and outdoor team building activities during their training at the Sundown Ranch Hotel

ORBIT TVET COLLEGE TAKES ON WATERBERG TVET COLLEGE IN FRIENDLY MATCHES

It was a day of fun and activities in Limpopo on 16 September 2017 as the Mankwe Campus netball, volleyball, basketball and soccer teams travelled to Waterberg TVET College, Information Technology and Computer Science Campus to compete in friendly matches against their sister College sporting teams.

The students enjoyed interacting with students and enjoyed the experience of travelling long distance and forging relations with students from other TVET Colleges. The Campus would like to thank staff members who accompanied the them, while ensuring that the trip was a great success.



The Netball, Basketball and soccer teams in action

WORKERACY VALUES WORKSHOP

The Workeracy Value Workshop; an initiative by Mankwe Campus, was hosted for students who have completed both NCV Level 4 and R191 N6 on 14- 18 August 2017. The training, which took place over 5 days, was facilitated by Mr T Mahuma (Academic Support Lab Assistant) and Ms T Khule (Career Guidance Intern).

The workshop is aimed at assisting students to get "work ready". The topics covered included self-leadership, critical thinking skills, work ethics, how to look for a suitable job and how to prepare for an interview.



Mr T Mahuma and Ms T Khule equipping NC(V) Level 4 and Report 191 N6 students with the necessary skills to ensure that they are ready

CLASSY FAREWELL FOR EXITING NC(V) L4 & N6 STUDENTS

A classy function was hosted on 13 October 2017 in the Campus hall, to bid farewell to exiting NC(V) L4 and N6 students. The lecturers wished the students well, and also congratulated them on their hard work and perseverance for the duration of their studies at the campus.

The event, themed "All White formal or Smart Casual", saw the equally excited students dressed to the nines as they celebrated their special day. Mankwe Campus Alumnus, Mr L Matcheke, was invited to motivate the students, as they prepare to go into the world of work.

Mr Matcheke had completed Level 4 in Electrical Infrastructure & Construction (EIC). He is currently employed at Siluma Construction in Mogwase, where he is gaining practical experience. After his 18 month stint at the Construction Company, he will acquire a trade certificate which will see him become a fully qualified artisan.



NC(V) L4 and N6 students celebrating at their farewell function organised by the campus

EIC NC (V) L4 STUDENTS' VISIT LETHABO POWER STATION

Electrical Infrastructure & Construction (EIC) HoD, Mr M Mathebe and lecturers, Mr M Maake and Ms M Makhuba took their Level 4 students to the Lethabo Power Station in the Free State on 28 September 2017, to expose them to the Electrical Engineering Sector. Students were grateful for the opportunity to learn more about their field of study as they prepare to go into the labour market. The large coal fired power station is owned and operated by Eskom.



EIC Level 4 students with their lecturers at Eskom-owned Lethabo Power Station in the Free State Province

HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATED

Mankwe Campus Staff members displayed the diverse cultural diversity in the country, as they came dressed in different traditional attires on 29 September 2017 in celebration of National Heritage Day.



A clear indication of the cultural diversity in SA! Staff members looking colourful in traditional attire

In Memoriam



Ms G Monaise (Hospitality L3 student)

Mankwe Campus recently mourned the passing of two of its students, Hospitality Level 3 student, Ms G Monaise and Electrical Engineering N3 student, Ms B Makgala, who both passed away in October 2017.

They will always be remembered.



Ms B Makgala (Electrical Engineering N3 student)

EN ROUTE VIA RUSTENBURG CAMPUS

FROM THE CAMPUS MANAGER'S DESK...

As we are nearing the end of 2017, it is with nostalgia that I am reminded that my teaching career of 43 years is speedily coming to an end, as I will be going on retirement in December 2017. I will most certainly miss all the interactions with my staff members, who all have a very special place in my heart. May you all prosper in everything that you do, and keep flying the Rustenburg Campus flag high by continuing to deliver good services stay committed to excellence, also when the new campus manager is appointed.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

We'd like to congratulate and welcome the following newly appointed staff at our campus:

Mr P Shibe- Senior Lecturer: Electrical Engineering NC(V)
Mr L Moruthane- Senior Lecturer: Engineering Report 191
Ms L Mohomi- Administrative Assistant: Report 191 Engineering
Ms s Mabena- Internet Café Assistant
Ms S Tsele – Advise Desk Administrator
Ms M Nthimo – Lecturer Report 191 Business Studies
Mr K Mzimba – Lecturer Report 191 Business Studies

The campus also bid farewell to groundsman, Mr William Masuku, who retired on 31 August 2017, after more than 20 years of dedicated service at Rustenburg Campus. We wish him a well-deserved rest.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to the following staff members on the births of their little ones: Ms M Moalosi was blessed with a baby girl, while Ms M Kgetse and Ms L Mafaka gave birth to baby boys

LEARNING DELIVERY

The National examinations for NC (V) programmes commenced on 24 October 2017, while the Report 191 examinations for Business Studies started on 6 November 2017 and for Report 191 Engineering Studies on 14 September 2017. We wish all our students the best of luck for the examinations.

Always remember that the hard work you put in throughout the year will be rewarded with success in the end. During 2017, we also introduced Jewellery, Nail Technology and Hair Care Skills

programmes. Even though we experienced a few challenges in procuring equipment and consumables, we have no doubt that the programmes will be rolled out without any further challenges in the next academic year.

CONCLUSION

The success of Rustenburg Campus is a testimony of the hard work and devotion of each staff member and student here. We have worked together, argued together, shared our challenges and hopes together and have established ourselves as a formidable team – not always in agreement, but always together. I would like to pay tribute to each team member's dedication, commitment, innovative approach and professionalism.

I count myself most fortunate to have worked with such a team, and would like to thank you all for the happy memories I will take with me.

Stay well – one and all.



Ms M Scholtz
Rustenburg Campus Manager

RUSTENBURG CAMPUS SSS UNIT REACHES OUT TO SCHOOLS DURING CAREER DAYS

The Rustenburg Campus Student Support Office was invited to the Paardekraal Primary School Career Day on 24 August 2017 at Paardekraal Community Hall. Student Support Officer: Social, Ms M Mahila, Advice Desk Assistant, Ms S Tsele and Rustenburg Campus Student Representative Council member, Mr K Skosana honoured the invitation to share career pathing information with Grade 7 learners.

Two Mankwe Campus Hospitality alumni, Mr Jerry Magae and Mr Thabang Mogomotsi were also there to motivate the learners and share their journeys of studying at ORBIT TVET College and becoming professional chefs.

Another Career Day invitation was extended to the Campus SSS Unit by Retlakgona Primary School in Meriting on 25 August 2017. Ms Mahila once again informed learners about the various career prospects available in the TVET College Sector. She was accompanied by the Campus SRC members, Mr Kevin Skosana and Mr Tshepang Ngwanapudi.

CAMPUS AWARDS CEREMONY

Rustenburg Campus awarded academically performing students at the Campus Award Ceremony which took place on 1 June 2017.



Some of the recipients of the Top Achievers Awards at the Campus Awards held on 1 June 2017



Campus Manager, Ms M Scholtz (left) and Engineering HoD, Mr S Letsoalo (right) congratulate Mechanical Engineering student Mr P Otshele (middle), who was awarded for being the top performing student in Engineering Studies

"FIRST THINGS FIRST" HEAIDS CAMPAIGN

Students came out in numbers to support the 'First Thing First Campaign', an initiative by Higher Education and Training HIV/AIDS Programme (HEAIDS). The campaign was rolled out in March and September 2017 respectively.

HEAIDS focuses on developing and supporting HIV mitigation programmes at Universities and Technical and Vocational and Training (TVET) Colleges. A number of free services including HIV testing, screening for

Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and Tuberculosis (TB) were made available to students and staff. The 'First Things First' campaign also offers screening, treatment and support for a wide range of general health issues including hypertension, diabetes, cardiovascular health and cancer.

The programme also provides family planning, dual contraception, reproductive and maternal health services to students in need.



Rustenburg Campus students accessing free health services during the 'First Thing First' campaign



Rustenburg Campus Student Support Officer: Social, Ms M Mahila, engages learners from Paardekraal Primary School during the school's Career Day



Former Mankwe Campus Hospitality graduate and Chef Mr Thabang Mogomotsi (left), Rustenburg Campus SRC member, Mr K Skhosana and former Mankwe Campus Hospitality graduate and Chef, Mr J Magae were there to motivate the learners



Ms Mahila addressing learners at Retlakgona Primary School in Meriting, Rustenburg during the school's Career Day

ROAD SAFETY A PRIORITY



The Road Traffic Management Department in Rustenburg visited the campus earlier this year to promote road safety. Students took part in a number of fun activities to test their road safety knowledge. First aid kits were given to all students who attended

OUTREACH INITIATIVE AT HOME FOR THE DISABLED



The campus gumbots dancers and choir were invited to entertain residents of the Spes Bona Home for the disabled in Rustenburg during their Bazaar Day on 4 November 2017. Student Support Officials accompanied the students to the Centre.

TEXTBOOK DONATIONS FOR LOSPERSFONTEIN PRISON

Rustenburg Campus donated Engineering and Business Studies textbooks to Lospersfontein Prison, to support prisoners who enrolled in N4, N5 and N6 for the 2017 academic year.

Ms M Mahila (Student Support Officer: Social), Ms P Mosue ((HoA) and Mr M Mabai (Academic Lab Administrator) handed over the textbooks to the management of the prison.



Pictured from left to right; Ms M Mahila (Student Support Officer: Social), Mr M Mabai (Academic Lab Administrator), Mr K Bafsoe (Lospersfontein Prison), Ms T Khumalo (Lospersfontein Prison), Mr P Mosue (HoA) and Mr M Manyuha (Lospersfontein Prison) handing over the textbooks

ORBIT BIDS MS MIEMIE SCHOLTZ FAREWELL

Ms Miemie Scholtz has dedicated an incredible 43 years of service to the Education Sector. She started her teaching career as a teacher in commercial subjects at Carletonville Hoërskool in 1975. Ms Scholtz joined the then Brits Technical College in 1996 as Senior Lecturer where she later acted as Campus Manager until her promotion to her current position as Campus Manager of Rustenburg Campus in 2007. Since then, Ms Scholtz has become a highly regarded manager, indispensable colleague and a very dear friend of many staff. She has made countless valuable contributions to learning delivery, student support and support services at the College and Rustenburg Campus in particular over the years and is sure to leave a remarkable legacy behind.

We caught up with her to hear how she experienced her tenure here at ORBIT College:

1. What advice would you offer to any young person, entering the TVET College Sector for the first time as an employee?

First of all, anyone coming from a school must realise that the TVET College Sector is vastly different from the school environment. The importance of incorporating modern technology into teaching and learning delivery cannot be stressed enough. Students today are bored easily if you do not prepare adequately for your class.

2. What would you regard as most challenging about being a Campus Manager?

Being on the same premises as the Central Office is challenging due to lack of control that a campus manager has over when and which students visit Central Office when they are unhappy and Central Office staff visiting the campus without communicating the visits beforehand.

3. What was the highlight of your career at ORBIT College?

I am humbled by the trusting relationships I managed to build with staff over the years. Many of my staff confided in me because they felt that they could trust me with the personal challenges.

4. What would you miss most about the campus?

Most definitely the people – my staff – because we have good relationships.

5. Do you have any special plans now that you will be retiring?

Quite a few: I plan to travel a lot, join the Women's Agricultural Federation and to take up visual arts again by resuming my passion for painting.

On the lighter side:

1. What is your philosophy about life?

Don't take everyone and everything seriously or personally.

2. Books or movies?

Actually both. I enjoy a good detective story and love romantic comedies and movies about wars.

3. Pizza or prawns?

Prawns!

4. If you were stranded on a deserted island, which three things would you take with you as your most valuable possessions?

My Bible (in order to stay sane)

Sun block

Chocolates (lots thereof!)



Ms M Scholtz on her first day as Campus Manager at Rustenburg Campus

5. If you could choose to be an animated character, who would you be and why?

Timon, the feisty little meerkat in Lion King because he is always ready to have some fun!

6. Since you are leaving us, share something with us that nobody knows about you...

I am an artist who enjoys the art of painting (surprise, surprise there...!)

As you approach a new exciting chapter of your life, ORBIT College would like to wish you blessings in abundance, endless joy and excellent health to make the most of every opportunity on your journey ahead! We salute you!

by Mariette Viljoen

MAKE EVERY DAY MANDELA DAY

Rustenburg Campus staff & students gave 67 minutes of their time when they visited MTS Ancillary Health Care Services, an Old Age Home in Lefaragatla, on 20 July 2017 as part of their Mandela Day celebrations.

The Campus Choir sang for the elderly, while the Cosmetology students treated them to soothing hand massages. The Campus also donated 20 blankets to the home.



Ms Mahila giving away the blankets to the care givers at the home. The elderly were treated to hand massages by the Cosmetology students.

ON THE SPORTING FRONT BASKETBALL UPDATE

The Rustenburg Campus Women's & Men's basketball teams became first-time participants of the Dr Kenneth Kaunda Basketball League, which started off in April 2017. Both teams competed in all the 2017 league matches, and were impressive throughout the season, which was concluded on 7 October 2017.

The men's teams wrapped up the season at position 5, while the ladies emerged as the league champions, obtaining position 1. These results qualified the ladies team into the league finals, which took place the following week, on 14 October 2017 at the

University of North West- (Potchestroon Campus). The team performed very well in the play-offs, but lost to Klekorsdorp's 'Razors', placing them at position 2 (silver medal). Ms N Mbamba (ladies team) and Mr L Ntonyo (men's team) were awarded trophies for 'best performers of the 2017 league' during an awards ceremony held after the final matches.

The teams' coach, Mr Kenny Mzimba says he is very impressed with his players' performances and commitment, and looks forward to the new season, that is expected to commence in April 2018.

by Kenny Mzimba



Rustenburg ladies basketball team and Mr Ntonyo (right) of the men's team, who won the 'best performers of the 2017 league' awards



The boys and girls with Coach Kenny Mzimba, at practice



Rustenburg Campus Men's and Women's basketball teams during their matches against University of North West (Mafikeng Campus) in September 2017

EN ROUTE VIA IN the FAST LANE

TVET College Month celebrated with flair!

Over 1500 Grade 9 – 12 learners and Out-of-School Youth from the Bojanala District Municipality took an educational step in the right direction when they made their way to ORBIT College during the month of August 2017 for the annual Open Day events, as part of celebrating TVET College Month 759 youth and educators from schools in the Moses Kotane Municipality, visited Mankwe Campus

on 10 August 2017, while Rustenburg Campus welcomed more than 400 learners on 17 August 2017.

Brits Campus wrapped up TVET College Month celebrations on 24 August 2017, as they hosted a total number of 351 visitors from the Madibeng Local Municipality. Open Days present an ideal

opportunity for prospective students to come & explore a wide range of study options available at the College. They get to experience campus life from the people who know it best... the staff & students!

Open Day activities included an interactive tour of the facilities such as workshops, simulation rooms and Student Support Centres. Principals and LO

educators attended Liaison Functions that were held at all three sites for information sharing purposes. The main focus of these sessions was to highlight the role that schools can play in ensuring that learners are equipped with relevant and up-to-date knowledge related to the different options available at TVET Colleges when seeking post-school opportunities.

byThegofatso Rapoo



Out-of-school youth from various rural communities in Rustenburg also came out in numbers to access information about the college



Students who are part of the one-year programme offered by the Samsung Electronics Academy, demonstrate to prospective students what their daily activities in the classroom entail



An Electrical Engineering student at Brits Campus shows learners the different components used in the Electrical workshops



SRC member and Mankwe Campus Office Administration Level 4 student, Mr Tshepo Tshite shares information with learners about OA



Grade 9-12 learners came out in numbers to attend the Annual Open Days at ORBIT TVET College during the month of August 2017



Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy students at Rustenburg Campus interest learners on their exciting field of study



ORBIT TVET COLLEGE



2018 APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

NEW STUDENTS

You are considered a new student if you are applying for the first time or if you have completed your NCV Level 4 and wish to enrol for a N4 Report 191 qualification next in 2018.

How to apply

Visit any of our campuses you wish to enrol with to book for an online application/placement assessment session.

Bring along certified copies of your ID, parents/guardians IDs, IDs of dependents living in the same household, latest results, proof of address and proof of income

Foreign students

Bring along certified copies of passport, SAQA approved foreign qualification, proof of medical insurance or cover and valid study permit

All documents will become the property of the College. If documents are not English they must be accompanied by a certified translation in English

Once you have applied, a selection committee will view your application and academic record. The selection criteria is available on the homepage of our website. If you meet the requirements you will be notified via an SMS whether you have been provisionally accepted or not. Please make sure that the contact number you provide is valid.

No final approvals for registration in 2018 will be done now. This is dependent on your 2017 final results.

SENIOR/RETURNING STUDENTS

Senior/ Returning students are urged to apply for admission NOW in 2017 at any of our three campuses. Approvals for applications will only be done after your final results have been received.

Please take note that provisional acceptance of your application does not guarantee you a space in 2018 as you will only be considered registered once you have received a proof of registration from our system.

For any enquiries contact 086 1000 305
www.orbitcollege.co.za

Community @Connexions

RUSTENBURG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY (RLM)

SIGNS MoU WITH ORBIT COLLEGE

The RLM has signed a ground breaking Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and a Service Level Agreement with ORBIT TVET College in what we would like to refer to as an "unavoidable partnership"

The main purpose of the MoU is: to form a basis upon which the College will be able to provide RLM employees with further education & training in line with their developmental mandate guided by the Skills Development Act and related legislation and to forge a working relationship with ORBIT TVET College for the purpose of providing job specific courses and training depending on the need. The Service Level Agreement, signed on 13 October 2017 forms the basis on which training programmes at ORBIT TVET College will be offered to RLM employees.

Training commenced on 04 November 2017. Courses such as Municipal Finance, Project Management, SHE REP, Customer Care Conflict Management, Basic Electricity, Bricklaying, Office Administration, Basic Plumbing etc. were offered to employees of the Municipality.

This relationship with the Municipality has also benefitted the College in many ways and we are hopeful that for the next three years we will be able to extend these benefits to many other activities.

Students and lecturers from the College have been placed at the Municipality to gain work experience.

The Municipality has offered support to the College to establish an Agricultural Academy in Rustenburg. We hope that this project can commence in 2018/19.

The Municipality has offered the College access to its buildings at the Rustenburg Showground to be used for examination purposes and for training of unemployed youth in the community.

We are excited about the prospects of this MoU, which is still in its infancy, but has already proved to be a mutually beneficial relationship that will benefit our local community in terms of job creation & skills development.

by Peter Matlou



ORBIT TVET COLLEGE

Wishes you a merry Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year



Student Support Pitstop

STUDENTS EXPOSED TO THE EXCITING WORLD OF HOSPITALITY & TOURISM AT THE NATIONAL TOURISM CAREER EXPO 2017 IN BLOEMFONTEIN, FREE STATE

Eight ORBIT TVET College, Mankwe Campus Tourism students were invited by the Bojanala District Municipality to be part of the ninth National Tourism Careers Expo (NTCE), which took place at the Performing Arts Centre of the Free State (PACOFs) in Bloemfontein from 28-30 September 2017. The students formed part of the forty five (45) students from twenty two (22) schools across the North West Province selected to attend the expo.

Under the theme "Tourism alive with opportunities", the expo was aimed at driving South Africa's National Tourism

Strategy's goal of creating 225 000 tourism job opportunities by 2020. Over 9000 learners, tourism students, graduates and educators from across the country attended the exhibition which showcased various and exciting career opportunities available in the tourism and hospitality sector.

Amongst some of the guests in attendance was, the Deputy Minister of Small Business Development (SBM), honourable Lindiwe Thabethe, who encouraged learners and students to push hard and focus in building their careers, as the future of this country is in their hands. North West Tourism MEC,

Ms Desbo Mohono also attended and pleaded with the youngsters to make the most of the information they acquired during the expo.

Mankwe Campus Tourism Lecturer, Ms Julia Senoelo, who accompanied the students to Bloemfontein, says the event was very informative and an eye-opener for the students, who realised how important the Tourism Sector is in the country.

Some of the highlights included: Speakers Corner, where tourism entrepreneurs and industry experts shared their success stories and allowed learners and students to interact directly with the speakers; A job placement and recruitment service; Private Sector companies exhibiting at the expo and providing interactive, edutainment experiences for the learners, while showing their commitment to skills development by offering a number of bursaries, learnerships and internships to learners attending the expo.

The annual event is a collaboration between Free State Tourism Authority (FSTA), the National Department of Tourism (NDT), the Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (DESTEA) and Culture, Arts, Tourism, Hospitality and Sport Education and Training Authority (CATHSSETA).

by Julia Senoelo



Mankwe Campus students pictured with North West Tourism MEC, Ms Desbo Mohono (2nd from left- front row) and Deputy Minister of Small Business Development, Ms Elizabeth Thabethe (3rd from left- front row) and other officials at the NTCE



Mankwe Campus Tourism students at the National Tourism Careers Expo held in Bloemfontein, Free State from 28-30 September 2017. From left to right: Mr O Paul, Ms J Senoelo (Tourism Lecturer), Mr K Tlholwe, Mr O Lethoko, Ms P Ditsele, Mr K Matiapoto, Mr R Seitei, Ms B Mokgosi and Ms N Chauke

CAMPUS ACADEMIC DAY PAVES THE WAY TO NATIONALS

The much anticipated Mankwe Campus Academic Day took place on 04 August 2017 in the Campus Chapel. Students from the different faculties displayed their academic capabilities as they competed in various categories including: debate, public speaking, prepared reading and Mathematics & Mathematical Literacy Olympiads.

Ms R Mfebe, Mr E Roberts, Mr I Sithole and Ms P Tau impressed judges in the debate category and were selected to

represent the Campus at the College Debate Competition which took place on 08 August 2017, at Mankwe Campus, Conference Centre in preparation for the National Debate Competition.

Ms Mfebe's performance superseded expectations, and she was chosen to represent the North West Province at the National Debate Competition held in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal earlier this year, where the NW debate team obtained position 1. Congratulations to her!



Medal and award winners at the Mankwe Campus Academic Day with the judges



Some of the medal winners at the Mankwe Campus Academic Day



Ms R Mfebe with the trophy that Team North West walked away with at the National Debate competition

SRC TEAM BUILDING

Mankwe Campus SRC attended a team building excursion on 3 & 4 October 2017 at Bushman's Rock Country Lodge, Pretoria.

During the two-day expedition, the students shared their achievements and challenges during their year of leadership. They also participated in various team building activities.

They were accompanied by Student Support officials, Mr T Mahuma (Academic Support Lab Assistant), Mr T Moteka (Bursary Officer), Ms T Khule (Career Guidance Intern) and Ms T Moselane (Bursary Office Intern)



The SRC members at Bushman's Rock



The SRC members were required to deliver presentations on their experiences as the 2017 Student Leadership