

"RECORDING THE ORBIT JOURNEY" **ISSUE 23 | JULY | 2018**

Editorial

ccording to the Chinese Zodiac, 2018 is the year of the Dog, and its characteristic word is ACTION! That action or hope thereof, translates well into the new word that has entered the South African vocabulary... 'Ramaphoria'! This after Mr Cyril Ramaphosa was elected President of South Africa in the beginning of the year. The word is said to describe the warm fuzzy feeling that penetrates the fabric of the new "New South Africa".

Mr Ramaphosa takes the reigns as the country's President and has reflected on the legacy of the late Nelson Mandela, by cementing a culture of volunteerism, as we count down to Madiba's centennial birthday. With the focus on the number '100', numerologists say the number represents energy that is self-determined, independent and has infinite potential. So, it's not surprising that Mr Ramaphosa launched his presidency with the 'Thuma Mina' (send me) campaign to deliver services to communities.

This 'new dawn' has not come without any challenges though. The 1% hike in value added tax, the minimum wage tussle with labour unions and the third hefty petrol price increase in one year, are some of the key events which have South Africans worried. National Treasury has however anticipated an economic growth of 1.5% in 2018, rising to 2.1% in 2020, even though economists and analysts have warned that these gains could also falter, as the so-called 'honeymoon period' starts to give way to the economic realities of South Africa's tight budget, high rates of unemployment and political uncertainty around key issues.

The good news though is that, midway through 2018, South Africans have two benchmarks to draw inspiration from... 'The Mandela Centenary 2018' and 'Thuma Mina' campaign. One of Madiba's dreams was to end poverty and inequality; and as we welcome our new College Principal, Mr Dika Mokoena, we reaffirm our unwavering commitment to providing accessible quality education as one of the key drivers out of privation. We also encourage our students, graduates and staff to heed the 'Thuma Mina' call as a challenge to turn the given opportunities into lives that will improve family standards and uplift communities to ensure that the impact of this new dawn is felt now and beyond.

Join us on this 'odyssey', as we celebrate and zoom into all things going well in the TVET College Sector, despite all the setbacks the country has been faced with. We hope you enjoy this edition just as much as we loved putting it together for you! Happy Reading

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UPLIFTING COMMUNITIES IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LEGACY OF NELSON MANDELA By Tshegofatso Rapoo



Teams ORBIT and ABSA celebrating with JD Mosiah Primary School's Management team & School Governing Body (SGB) members and Grade R learners, after the donation of tables, chairs and chair bags for the little one's classes

n the spirit of giving back and making a difference in our communities, ORBIT College in partnership with ABSA, handed over 18 brand new kiddies tables, 72 chairs and chair bags to JD Mosiah Primary School in Tlhabane on 1 June 2018. The project, which was rolled out from February 2018, saw the school's two Grade R classes being renovated to improve the poor infrastructure, which was not conducive for teaching and learning.

ABSA (Rustenburg Main branch) donated R15 000 towards the initiative, which assisted greatly in the renovations of the classes, including the plastering of walls and floors, painting of classes inside and outside, repairing of windows, electric plugs and lights. The College would like to thank Mr Wietz Botes,

The excited Grade R learners, teachers, ORBIT College and ABSA representatives in the newly renovated classroom

Senior Lecturer for Engineering Related Design (ERD) and his team of Rustenburg Campus ERD and Fitting and Turning L4 students, for carrying out the renovations at the school for over two weeks.

The College also wishes to extend its gratitude and appreciation to ABSA, for their continued support in ensuring that we build stronger, healthier communities. This initiative was in support of the Nelson Mandela 2018 Centenary, which is aimed at helping to build the legacy of Madiba.

#BeTheLegacy



Mr Wietz Botes, Engineering Related Design (ERD) Senior Lecturer at Rustenburg Campus and his team (ERD and Fitting & Turning L4 students). were responsible for the renovations at JD Mosiah Primary School's two Grade R classes. Pictured from left to right: Mr MR Maponyane, Mr LJ Pulling, Mr W Botes (kneeling), Mr TM Lekoma and Mr TW Ndlovu



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PLATINUM INCUBATOR GETS STATE-OF-THE-ART FACE LIFT AT RE-LAUNCH By Tshegofatso Rapoo

Pictured from left to right: Ms Kgaogelo Modise (SEDA Technology Programme: Incubation Unit), Hon. Cassel Mathale (Deputy Minister of Small Business & Development), Ms Sibongile Shongwe (CEO of Platinum Incubator), Ms Wilma Swarts (Chairperson of Platinum Incubator), Mr Davis Sadike (Manager SEZ: North West Province), Mr Ofentse Kombe (MMC: Rustenburg Municipality), Ms Sylvia Leabile (Chairperson of Phenominal African Woman SA), Ms Miranda Motlogeloa (Board Member: Platinum Incubator) and Ms Maryna Marais (Former Principal of ORBIT TVET College) after the unveiling of the plague at the re-launch of the SEDA Platinum Incubator

devoted to encouraging budding entrepreneurs to develop world class products and applications using Rustenburg Campus was re-launched on 26 April

West Government and the private sector, the Incubator has for the last 10 years, helped aspiring goldsmiths to build careers in the design and manufacturing of jewellery using platinum, gold, silver, diamond and semi-precious stones from precious minerals, metals and stones.

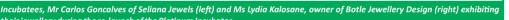
fter enjoying more than a decade of being the Honourable Cassel Mathale delivered a key note Annly small business start-up hub in the world address, in which he highlighted the role of government in developing effective Platinum Beneficiation Initiatives in South Africa. Mr Mathale Platinum Group Metals (PGMs), the SEDA Platinum said that government initiated the Business Incubator situated at ORBIT TVET College, Incubation Programme, in order to promote economic development and growth within specific communities or regions. "Even though South Africa is endowed with mineral resources, there has been Established in 2006, in partnership with the North very little beneficiation taking place within the country. It is for this reason that SEDA and the different industry partners, established the Platinum Incubator; to drive the beneficiation of platinum group metals and develop world class jewellery and enterprises for SA", Mr Mathale said. South Africa. It also offers a graduate training He further added that government will continue to programme where young aspirant jewellers can make a significant contribution in ensuring that it come and learn and perfect their skill, whilst also creates a market for these products. "Since we have getting hands-on experience in working with those over 80% of the world's platinum, it is our responsibility as the source country, to make sure that we develop the new state of platinum beyond Deputy Minister of Small Business & Development, what is known to be." And there is no better way of

doing that, except to work with institutions of The incubator makeover includes fully branded & learning, such as ORBIT TVET College, where we improved protocols and level one security, which have young people who are able to lead in the according to Ms Swart, symbolises a new beginning processes of diversifying further what platinum can for the technological innovation that they would like be used for.", he concluded.

An elated Ms Sibongile Shongwe, CEO of the Former Principal of the College, Ms Maryna Marais, Platinum Incubator, gave a background of the rendered a message of support, highlighting how the incubator, while reflecting on the journey from as Incubator has benefitted and support SMMEs, far back as 2006, when the Platinum Incubator especially the College students. "Being a public TVET came into being. "Today is all about spreading love
College, our sole purpose is to train young people so for Platinum. As the incubator, we look forward to hosting chemical engineers, metallurgists and some of those mavericks that are serial entrepreneurs, who can make any product work and can come up with ideas that are going to be ground-shedding so that our platinum makes a mark in the global village," Ms Shongwe said.

Ms Shongwe's sentiments were echoed by Chairperson of the Platinum Incubator, Ms Wilma The launch was concluded with the unveiling of the Swarts, who said they are looking forward to plaque by the Deputy Minister, and a fashion show, entering into a new era of incubation. "We believe that in giving platinum a voice in South Africa, and by actively promoting and encouraging young inventors, chemists and engineers, scientists, To date, the Incubator has mentored and assisted designers, and entrepreneurs to use PGMs in new 135 talented young people from previously and exciting ways, this will ultimately benefit all stakeholders. Not only will we reclaim PGMs as a South African mineral of strategic importance, but by facilitating access to materials, equipment and we will also expand the economic value for the citizens of our country". Ms Swarts said.





entrepreneurs.

machinery and also providing a support framework for these budding entrepreneurs.

to see take place at the incubator and in SA.

that they can have the necessary skills to enter the

labour market or self-employment that would

benefit the country. We have no doubt that this

incubator will become a flagship in South Africa, and

affirm our pledge that ORBIT College will provide

continued support to the Platinum Incubator team

and all the potential and young entrepreneurs," Ms

exhibiting jewellery pieces by the emerging

disadvantaged backgrounds to realise their dreams

of becoming jewellery designers and manufacturers

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS & POSTAL SERVICES CELEBRATES 'INTERNATIONAL GIRLS IN ICT DAY'

AT ORBIT COLLEGE, MANKWE CAMPUS By Tshegofatso Rapoo



Deputy Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services, Hon. Stella Ndabeni-Abraham: encouraged approximately 150 girls and young women to consider taking up careers in the

he Deputy Minister of Telecommunications & Postal Services, Hon. Stella Ndabeni Abrahams, celebrated the 'International Girls in ICT Day' with young girls and women in Grades 10-12 from neighbouring secondary schools in the Moses Kotane Local Municipality, at an event held at Mankwe Campus on 3 May 2018. The celebration was aimed at making girls and young women aware of the various opportunities that are available and offered by the Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs).

Addressing approximately 150 young females, the Deputy Minister emphasised the value of investing in techno-girls for the entrepreneurial and economic inclusion agenda. She further committed to training at least twenty internet providers from the Moses Kotane area in domain name reselling.

Even though the ICT industry is transforming and becoming more welcoming to women, the lack of young women attracted to ICT studies is still reflected in ICT companies and government agencies around the world. The ICT Sector remains male

dominated, especially at senior levels. Various females and stakeholders making a mark in the ICT Sector, were invited to share their personal journeys with the learners on how they got to where they are today in the sector.

ORBIT College Deputy Principal: Academic Programmes and Student Support Services, Mr Tumisang Mosito articulated the point that Colleges can only deliver on their empowerment mandate if supported in terms of infrastructure, equipment and machinery, including knowledge, while adding that this can only be acquired through partnerships. "As a public institution, we need partnerships in order for us to do justice to this mandate. We salute the Telecommunications and Postal Services Ministry for allowing us to be their partner of choice. As an institution, we see this approach as a commitment to improve the living and learning conditions in the historically disadvantaged situation", Mr Mosito said.

The event was concluded with the Deputy Minister handing over certificates to 25 young women who completed ICT training conducted by the Department in collaboration with INTEL SA in 2015.

International Girls in ICT Day is an annual initiative supported by the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Member States to create a global environment that empowers and encourages girls and young women to consider studies and careers in the ICT Sector.



high schools and communities, interested to find out more about the growing opportunities ailable for females in the ICT Sector



Mr Lulu Khesa of 'Lulu Khesa Creations' displaying some of his ewellery pieces at the re-launch. Mr Khesa completed h<u>is studie</u> in Jewellery Manufacturing at ORBIT College earlier this year, and



Manager was one the 25 young women who completed the ICI training conducted by the Department of Telecommunications & Postal Services in collaboration with INTEL SA in 2015, and was awarded, alongside nine others, a certificate of completion by the DM (left) Hon. Stella Ndabeni-Abrahams



LAUNCH OF CENTRE OF SPECIALISATION AT MANKWE CAMPUS PROMOTES ARTISAN DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIPS By Tsheqofatso Rapoo

wo respective Centres of Specialisation (CO3) in Diese.
Electric Trade, were launched at ORBIT College, Mankwe Campus wo respective Centres of Specialisation (CoS) in Diesel Trade and mentioned Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs). In the engineering on 20 February 2018 in partnership with the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) and various business and industries focusing in Artisan Development. The Centre will provide selected students in the Diesel Trade industry an opportunity to take part in an apprenticeship, which will see them engage in theoretical work and gain practical training as well as authentic work experience at the guidance of an employer.

Key stakeholders from DHET, various SETAs, including the Quality Council Trade Organisation (QCTO), the Retail Motor Industry Organisation, Steel and Engineering Industries of South Africa (SEIFSA), Manufacturing, Engineering and Related Services Education & Training Authority (MerSETA) and potential industry partners were all in attendance.

The President of the Retail Motor Industry (RTI) Organisation, Ms J Esterhuizen outlined the important role that artisans play in promoting growth and development in the country. "The two industry sectors present here today, need artisans, as well as the



space, artisans install, maintain and repair equipment, which is fundamental to the production process. In the communities, they can be self-employed, thereby servicing the basic maintenance needs of ordinary households. The infrastructure projects will therefore assist with work opportunities", Ms Esterhuizen said. She also added that the CoS launched at ORBIT College is ideally placed and identified as a partner of choice in the development of these required artisans.

Mr P Chetty, Project Manager at the Steel and Engineering Industries of South Africa (SEIFSA) took attendees through the main objectives of the Centres of Specialisation Project, and also urged more industry partners to get involved with these Centres at TVET Colleges.

Through this programme and the support of the participating industry representatives, stakeholders and SETAs the DHET is looking to empower TVET Colleges to develop a standard of skills delivery in order to become the "providers of choice" in Occupational Programmes for the Sector.

The Centres of Specialisation National Programme is aimed at producing:

- A skilled and capable workforce to support inclusive economic growth
- Increased availability of intermediate-level technical skills
- Increased delivery of qualified artisans in 13 priority skills
- training in skills that are in demand by industry

industry, training centres and the Post School and Training (PSET) immensely to the skills level of the country as a whole. Sector, while also benefiting students and staff in the following ways:

The curriculum offered will consist of occupational qualifications designed by industry, for industry and Occupations (QCTO)

Hon. Naledi Pandor. Ms Pandor, who was

Mbeki and Kgalema Motlanthe

ointed on 1 March 2018, is not new to

ion under former presidents Thabo

e portfolio; as she served as Minister of



MerSETA), Ms T Mokotedi (Executive Manager, EWSETA), Mr P Chetty (Project Manager, SEIFA), Ms M Marais (Former Principal, ORBIT College), Ms J Esterhuizen

- The delivery of programmes will be a dual system apprenticeship that will see the apprentice being exposed to both the workplace for the practical component of the qualification, and the College for the theory component
- TVET College staff in these respective fields will be adequately exposed and be given access to the latest technology in the industry, as per the new curriculum
- The workshops at the identified CoS will be refurbished and adequately equipped to deliver on the practical skills development, as required by the curriculum

Improved capacity of public TVET Colleges to provide Former Principal of the College, Ms M Marais, thanked the DHET and the various partnering SETAs for identifying ORBIT College as an ideal TVET College to serve as a training centre. Ms Marais added that, with The programme will ensure a closer working relationship with the support of employers, the programme would contribute

Another Centre of Specialisation, focusing on Electrical Trade has been established at Brits Campus. Students taking part in both the Diesel Trade apprenticeship at Mankwe Campus and Electric Trade registered with the Quality Council for Trades and apprenticeship at Brits Campus, will be the first recruits of ORBIT College for the new QCTO qualification in 2019.

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION & TRAINING, WANTS TO REPOSITION TVET COLLEGES AS INSTITUTIONS OF FIRST CHOICE

echnical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Colleges will become the institutions of choice for millions of young people and lay the foundation of education in South Africa, says Higher Education and Training Minister Naledi Pandor. Increasingly, more youth are entering technical and vocational colleges as government refocuses its efforts on placing TVET Colleges at the centre of the Post School Education and Training (PSET) Sector.

In 2009, there was one TVET College enrolment for every four university enrolments. Currently, there is one TVET College student for every two university students enrolled. However, while this ratio has improved, there is still much work to be done to promote the attractiveness of TVET Colleges for youth and remedy the skills shortages South Africa currently faces.

"We have too many youth choosing to go to university and not enough coming into the technical and vocational education sector." Pandor comments. "We have in this country, as [have] many other countries around the world, placed an overemphasis on university education," she says, highlighting that this has not only overloaded

the university system, but also resulted in a struggle to find the relevant midlevel skills needed to drive the economy.

Pandor further added that there is a need to start taking TVET Colleges "more seriously" and to start recognising their significance in contributing to the development of skills required by the economy. "We want to make TVET Colleges first-choice institutions. This is where the future lies. This is where the skills we need are [going to be developed]," Pandor says.

This is particularly relevant in an era where Africa is launching a massive infrastructure development drive and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) is driving the implementation of an industrialisation strategy. South Africa needs more artisans, technicians and technologists, which only TVET Colleges can provide, Pandor points out, while also noting that, in line with this, government has set a target to train 30 000 artisans a year by 2030.

In 2017, some 21 100 artisans graduated, with government well on track to realising this ambition. "We are going to pursue these objectives in partnership with industry in South Africa," she adds, citing plans to modernise the colleges, improve the quality of the teaching and learning processes and ensure they contribute to employment creation and enterprise development in South Africa. "Much of our thinking and work at the moment is focused on ensuring that our curricula at colleges match and reflect the realities of the working world," she says, encouraging more companies to get involved in hosting apprentices and preparing students for what exactly will be required in industry.

Pandor further encourages industry partners to "take ownership" of the qualifications and curriculum design, as well as the provision of practical work experience, to train and deliver skilled people ready for

Source: http://www.engineeringnews.co.za/article/tvets-to-be-at-the-forefront-of-south-africashigher-education-2018-06-15/rep_id:4136

NSFAS STUDENTS CAN **UPDATE CONTACT DETAILS ONLINE** ational Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) Mamabolo said this initiative forms part of the

change their contact details, can now do it online. challenge. "NSFAS believes that this new Students, who wish to update or change their development is a milestone for the organisation, as contact details, can do it online through the Mynsfas it cements our strategy of being student-centred portal on the scheme's website.

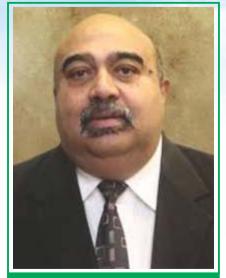
NSFAS spokesperson Kagisho Mamabolo said the Students who are unable to change their details or changed numbers. This challenge had a great new and old number listed to uds@nsfas.org.za. impact on the signing of the NSFAS Bursary Agreement process.

funded students, who wish to update or long-term solutions to mitigate the and utilising modern technology to simplify the lives of students," said Mamabolo.

move comes after NSFAS received concerns from online can use the manual process by emailing a students, who were unable to sign their bursary certified copy of their green barcoded ID or smart agreements as a result of their details not being card, and a completed affidavit specifying that they updated on the system, either due to lost handsets have changed their cell phone number; with the

Source: www.nsfas.co.za

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Deputy Director-General for TVET Branch (DHET)

RBIT College conveys its sincere condolences to the Patel family and the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) on the passing away of Mr Firoz Yusuf Patel, Deputy Director-General for TVET Branch, on 16 March 2018.

Mr Patel served the Department with absolute distinction and dedication for many years both as an educator and an administrator. He contributed immensely to the transformation of the education system in the country. His many contributions to democratising the education system and working selflessly for the provision of access to education for the poor and marginalised will never be forgotten.

May his soul continue to rest in peace.

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NEW APPOINTMENTS

entral Office welcomes and congratulates the following staff members on their appointments:

- Mr Gilbert Mafojane, former Head of Administration at Mankwe Campus, has been promoted to HR Manager in June 2018.
- Ms Rosa Modiba was promoted to Student Support Manager in July 2018. She previously occupied the Student Support Officer: Academic post at Mankwe Campus
- Mr Lebogang Mabebe was appointed as Labour Relations Officer from April 2018
- Ms Ntswaki Morake is the new HR Assistant, effective from May 2018
- Mr Siya Nqayi was promoted from the HR Assistant to HRD Practitioner from October 2017

We wish them success in their new posts.



Mr G Mafojane **HR Manager**



Ms R Modiba SSS Manager



Mr L Mabebe **Labour Relations** Officer



Ms N Morake **HR** Assistant



Mr S Nqayi **HRD Practitioner**

RETIREMENT & **PROMOTIONS**

Manangement Practitioner, Ms S Govender-Moodley who went on early retirement due to medical reasons, and Data Information Administrator, Mr P Tlotleng, who was promoted to Assistant Director: EMIS at Buffalo City College in Eastern Cape.

We wish them well in their future endeavours.



Ms S Govender-Moodley **Human Resources Management**



Mr P Tlotleng **Data Information Administrator**

DHET HR WORKSHOP

successful HR workshop for inland TVET Colleges (North West and HR Forum were discussed. Important aspects including decentralising relevant HR functions from regional HR Forum to be launched before 31 May 2018

he Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) hosted a DHET to Colleges, the draft of HR strategic plan and the formation of a

Mpumalanga), on 2-3 May 2018 at ORBIT TVET College, Central Office. The North West & Mpumalanga Region is in the process of finalising the



HR Practitioners from the Mpumalanga and North West TVET Colleges, attended the HR Workshop organised by the Department of Higher Education and Training

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES & SSS ATTENDS APPRENTICESHIP SPOTLIGHT CONFERENCE IN WALES, UK

eputy Principal Academic Programmes and Student Support programme. Services, Mr Tumisang Mosito, along with representatives from eight other countries, attended an Apprentice Seminar by the British Council from 5-8 March 2018 in Wales, United Kingdom.

The event was aimed at introducing delegates to the apprenticeship system in Wales, while exploring the concept of work-based learning better the economy. Representatives from various institutions in the Skills Sector. UK, South Africa, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Italy and Uzbekistan, shared best practices with a focus on the roles of Apprenticeships continue to assist our students to gain hands-on and the part played by government in rolling out of the apprenticeship while earning a qualification and receiving a stipend.

Mr Kay Martin, Principal at Cardiff and Vale College, as the conference partner to the British Council gave a brief overview of the Welsh Skills System. He also outlined that that the College is one of the largest high quality apprenticeship providers in Wales that provides training programmes for the Welsh government. Delegates were also taken through and how apprenticeship can deliver better outcomes for learners and the role of the British Council in the Technical and Vocational Education and

employers, service and training providers, quality assurance bodies experience within the various industries and to learn new practical skills

2018 TRAINING COMMITTEE

he HR Unit has established a Skills Development Training Committee, Semplies of Practitioner and staff members representing Lecturing and Support staff on the different salary levels. he HR Unit has established a Skills Development Training Committee, comprising the Deputy Principal Corporate Services, HR Manager, HRD

The Committee, inaugurated in compliance with the Skills Development Act (Act No. 97 of 1998), will seek to:

- Promote fair and equitable skills development practices and indentify barriers to such practices Develop and create opportunities for skills development within the workplace
- Promote the culture of lifelong learning within the College
- Ensure that all legal requirements with regards to Skills Development are complied with
- Incorporate skills development initiatives to broaden employment equity programme



Deputy Principal Academic Programmes & SSS, Mr T Mosito outside Cardiff & Vale College in Wales, during his visit in Wales, UK for the British Counci 'Apprenticeship Spotlight Conference' in March 2018



The Committee held its first meeting on 8 June 2018 at the Central Office, where the draft training plan for 2018/19 was discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for 20 July 2018.

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COLLEGE RETAINS ISO 9001:2015 CERTIFICATE

v Belinda Matlhako



Ms B Matlhako (Compliance Auditor) and Mr M Tsabangwe (Internal Auditor) with the ISO 9001:2015 certificate the College has managed to retain during the re-certification audi

RBIT College has managed to retain its ISO 9001:2015 certificate during the re-certification audit which was conducted in January 2018 by the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS). The audit was focused on ensuring that the College processes are in compliance with the requirements of the ISO 9001:2015 standard and College policies and procedures.

The processes that were audited included among others: teaching & learning facilities & infrastructure. Although deficiencies were identified during the audit, these were deemed to be of a minor nature. The affected units worked with the Internal Audit and Assurance Unit and the Principal to ensure that all the identified gaps were closed accordingly to avoid re-occurrence in the future.

The Internal Audit and Assurance Unit would like to thank all staff members for their continued compliance to College policies and procedures and for ensuring that the College retained the ISO certificate, which was issued in May 2018.

STAFF WELLNESS-BEING A PRIORITY AT CENTRAL OFFICE

By Reuben Marakalala

Central Office established a Wellness Committee to oversee the well-being of staff members at Central Office. The Committee, inclusive of the inputs of staff, compiled a year plan with various activities that will be rolled out bi-monthly on Fridays.

The first event was hosted on 08 June 2018, with professionals from Bokone West Clinic conducting a Stress Management workshop, aimed at assisting staff to manage stress better at the workplace. Other upcoming activities on the plan will focus on, amongst others women & men's' health, financial management, organ donor awareness and eye care awareness.

 $The \ Department \ of \ Higher \ Education \ \& \ Training \ (DHET) \ has \ indicated \ its \ plans \ to \ request \ that \ all \ Colleges \ implement \ their \ own \ Central \ Health \ Care \ system \ to \ assist \ staff.$

The committee members are: Mr S Nqayi (Human Resource Development Practitioner), Mr R Marakalala (Media & Communications Officer), Ms T Shilowa (Student Support Social Co-ordinator), Ms V Mabula (Personal Assistant to Deputy Principal: Corporate Services) and Ms N Morake (Human Resource Assistant).



The Central Office Wellness Committee. Pictured from left to right: (sitting) Ms V Mabula, Ms Y Shilowa and Ms B Matlhako. Standing-Mr R Marakalala, Ms N Morake and Ms S Nqayi

SHARING BEST PRACTICES FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS IN TVET COLLEGES By Tshegofatso Rapoo



Pictured from left to right: Ms Ntombekhaya Qwaqa (Assistant Director for Marketing & Communications at PE TVET College), Ms Oratile Matlapeng (Call Centre Administrator- ORBIT College), Mr Reuben Marakalala (Media & Communications Officer- ORBIT College, Ms Sharlotte Sibanda (Communications Assistant- ORBIT College), Ms Nadine Moodaely (Marketing Practitioner- PE TVET College), Ms Mariette Viljoen (Corporate Communications Unit Manager- ORBIT TVET College) and Ms Tshego Rapoo (E-Media & Communications Administrator- ORBIT College)

The Corporate Communications Unit of ORBIT College was excited to host Marketing and Communications colleagues from Port Elizabeth TVET College, on 14 February 2018 to share ideas and best practices in creating, implementing and measuring corporate communications within the TVET Sector.

Ms Ntombekhaya Qwaqa, (Assistant Director for Marketing & Communications) and Ms Nadine Moodaely (Marketing Practitioner) visited the ORBIT team a day after ORBIT College had hosted the National TVET College Times Editorial Meeting held on 13 February 2018 at the Central Office, attended by more than twenty Marketing and Communications Practitioners from various TVET Colleges around the country.

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NEW APPOINTMENTS









MS CN Makhubela FEA Lecturer

UNISA MASTERS RESEARCH PROJECT FOR TVET COLLEGES

ive Brits Campus staff members (Ms P Kasita, Ms S Lenyai, Ms D Nthako and, Ms E Ngwato), have enrolled for a 'Masters Research Project for TVET Colleges' programme, after an invitation for applications was sent by the University of South Africa (UNISA) to TVET Colleges. The group was selected to participate in the programmes after they had submitted their proposals, which were then approved by the University.

The two year programme is suitable for TVET College Lecturers who possess an Honours degree to study for a Masters in Education. Upon successful completion of the programme, applicants will graduate in 2020.

We wish them well with their studies!



TVET College Lecturers who are currently enrolled for the Master arch Project for TVET Colleges offered at UNISA

Brits Campus said goodbye to Senior Admin Officer, Ms MA Lekhela, who went on retirement on 31 May 2018. We wish her an enjoyable and restful retirement.

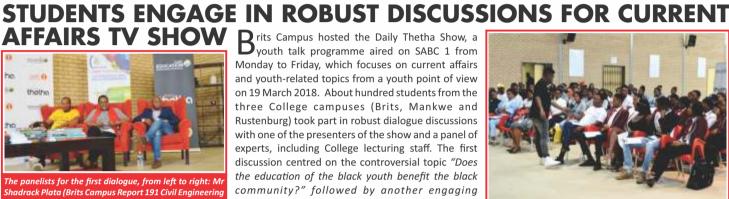


AFFAIRS TV SHOW



ta (Brits Campus Report 191 Civil Engineering Student& Campus Choir Conductor), Ms E Ngwato (Brits

Brits Campus hosted the Daily Thetha Show, a youth talk programme aired on SABC 1 from Monday to Friday, which focuses on current affairs and youth-related topics from a youth point of view on 19 March 2018. About hundred students from the three College campuses (Brits, Mankwe and Rustenburg) took part in robust dialogue discussions with one of the presenters of the show and a panel of experts, including College lecturing staff. The first discussion centred on the controversial topic "Does the education of the black youth benefit the black community?" followed by another engaging discussion under the topic: "Does the youth have an opportunity to exercise their freedom in small



Presenter of the Daily Thetha Show, taking questions fro students during the pre-recording of the show

EALTH & WELLNESS CAMPAIGN

Prits Campus Student Support Officer: Academic, Mr P Tekana, in partnership with HEAIDS, rolled out a health & wellness campaign for students from 4 to 6 June 2018. Different local health organisations such as Lovelife, Lifeline, FPD, and Careworx were invited to provide various services to students



A LoveLife official raising awareness on HIV/Aids prevention



Students and staff queued to get tested for HIV/Aids, TB and diabetic screening, and STIs. Family planning services were also offered for female students

MANDELA CENTENARY CAMPUS

our teams battled it out for an opportunity to represent Brits Campus at the College Mandela Quiz Competition. Student Support Officer Academic, Mr P Tekana was the Quiz Master, while Mr J Nunu, Ms J Seloane, and Mr Munenmo, all from the English Department, were the scorers. Of the four teams, only two were selected to compete against the Mankwe & Rustenburg Campus teams at the College Academic Day on 31 May 2018, in preparation to the Regional Competition to be held on 17 July 2018. The quiz competition was one of the categories that students took part in at the College Academic Day hosted by Rustenburg Campus.



The four teams selected to compete for a spot to represent Brits

LNESS PEER MENTORS

wenty nine Wellness Peer Mentors (WPMs) who are Level 4 students, attended a training session from 16 to 18 March 2018, at Jennealis Guest House in Brits. WPMs are trained to support their peers with social challenges.



Ms V Mlambo giving a presentation during the WPM training

BRITS CAMPUS ATHLETE, SIFISO MTSWENI

Brits Campus Management Level 4 student, Sifiso Mtsweni, participated in the COSACSA National Athletics Championship held at Peter Mokaba stadium, Polokwane in March 2018. He successfully defended his 2016 and 2017 1500m and 2017 800m National Champions titles. Sfiso represented in the Brits Campus Athletics Club in the Provincial ASA Track and Field Leagues, organised by Athletics North West North, between January and March 2018. He qualified and was selected to represent the Province in the 800m race at the Athletics South Africa (ASA) National Championships that was held at Tuks Stadium in Pretoria from 15-17 March 2018. Sfiso performed very well against the country's top athletes in the Senior Men's division, even though he did not manage to qualify for the finals. He was

awarded a bronze medal for his participation in the 100m x 4 relay for team North West North.



ifiso Mtsweni at the COSACSA National Championship at Pete Aokaba Stadium in March 2018

NWN CROSS-COUNTRY LEAGUE



The Brits Campus Athletic Club athletes participated in Athletics North West North Cross-Country League Competition hosted by ields College on 12 May 2018. Pictured here is FEA Level 3 student, Mr Sipho Mkhwanazi (green & black), running the 4km race fo

INTER-PROVINCIAL CROSS COUNTRY EVENT

Brits Campus athletes participated in the inter-provincial cross-country event vhich took place in Zeerust on 16 June 2018. North West, Limpopo, Gauteng, and Mpumalanga athletes competed, including, Management Level 4 student, Mr Sifiso Mtsweni (left) who was awarde a medal for competing in the 4km Senio Men's Race. EIC Level 2 student, Mr Tshepo Hlungwani (middle) and Brits Campus alumni, Mr T Matlhatsi, both successfully completed the10km race for



Cankwe Campus

CAMPUS MANAGER'S MESSAGE

first semester of the academic year. I very much hope that every staff. It is envisaged that twelve students will be exposed to the following remiss of me not to acknowledge and moment, maybe two, to celebrate their success. They have every right to do so. Thank you for being part of Mankwe Campus where SUCCESS IS NOT AN OPTION.....BUT AN EXPECTATION. You are truly on the path to greatness. Success won't come overnight, so keep your goal in sight and keep moving forward -- no matter how slowly. Always move forward.

At the same time, I know that our students are grateful for the support they home in February 2018. They came back armed with knowledge and skills in received to achieve their academic goals thus far in 2018. On their behalf, I wish to publicly thank our students' families and most importantly, their lecturers. In a very real sense your success is their success. Parents - thank you for the countless ways in which you have supported these students. Each of you knows best how you are implicated in their achievements.

STAFF AWARDS

Mankwe Campus understands very well that the awards conferred to staff, recognise outstanding work that has been done by the recipients. These awards constitute a heartfelt salute of excellence of which we are all immensely proud

I was truly delighted to join all staff and students at the ground-breaking Mankwe Campus Staff and Students Recognition Awards Ceremony, which salutes outstanding performance by students and staff members who so passionately champion the attributes of our beautiful college. I am therefore truly honoured to congratulate to the following 2018 Award winners:

Performance Excellence

Lecturing Staff Awards

Criteria: 2017 Academic Results

Engineering Related Design & Electrical Infrastructure Construction - Mr M Maake

Office Administration & Transport and Logistics - Ms T Molefe Hospitality & Tourism - Mr P Gaborone Life Orientation & English - Mr G Moilwa $Mathematics\,\&\,Mathematics\,Literacy\,\hbox{-}\,Mr\,P\,Mhlanga$

Report 190/191 Engineering Studies - Mr I Boyce Report 190/191 Business Studies - Ms N Segwagwe

Support Staff (Cleaner/Groundsman) of the year - Mr Mashiane Criteria: Team work, Commitment, Leadership, Positive attitude.

Campus Manager's Special Award - Mr. R Setshedi Criteria: Going an extra mile and beyond the call of duty

Congratulations to all winners of awards. I applaud your achievements!

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

students have been selected to represent ORBIT TVET College and the North Modiba for their hard work, commitment and dedication to the success of

member will take a step back and be proud of their achievements- take a curriculum: Solar – Manufacturing panels, Establishing solar power stations, Maintenance of solar power and switch gear manufacturing, while fourteen will be exposed to manufacturing of escalators. Eleven students departed on 16 April 2018 and the remaining fifteen departed at the end of June 2018.

> Meanwhile, six of the eight students who departed to China in March 2017 on 12 month internship, have successfully completed their training and returned the manufacturing of batteries, and were awarded certificates of competency by the Beijing Union University in China.



nt row (from left to right): Ms M Motsoeneng (Chinese Culture and Inter Education Exchange Centre), Ms PK Tlhogwe, Ms KC Moeng, Ms BV Moatshe, Ms BP Tselapedi, Ms OB Mthombeni, Ms ME Mmokwa, Ms TP Muthuki & Mr J Lu (Chines and International Education Exchange Centre)



d Repairing of Elevators exchange programme in China. Mankwe Campus is extremely excited to be working together with EWSETA & Last but not least I would like to congratulate three profound colleagues on

MERSETA and the Chinese Culture and International Education Exchange their promotions as HR Manager, Student Support Manager and Academic Centre in affording our students a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to participate Programmes Coordinator respectively. On behalf of Mankwe Campus, and in an international exchange programme. Twenty six Mankwe Campus myself I wish to convey our deep gratitude to Mr Gilbert Mafojane, Ms Rosa

Mankwe Campus. Indeed it will be salute you! Your collective efforts in pursuit of excellence made us a winning team. You served Mankwe Campus with distinction. Ms Kgaboesele on the other hand, was promoted to her current post of APC since 15 May 2018. She brings experience and a proven track record of success, which will be invaluable in meeting the departmental goals and objectives. We wish you all well on your respective journeys! Go and earn a name, fame and money and come back to tell me your success stories. The Campus also bade farewell to the former Academic Programmes

Coordinator, Ms C Sheratt, who went on retirement on 28 February 2018.

We thank her for her immense contribution, and wish her a happy retirement with wonderful memories.



Ms C Sheratt (left) and Ms B Kgaboese

OTHER NEW APPOINTMENTS



Ms MC Mmatl

Educare Lecture



Mr. PN Mokgotlhwo ıking Lecture



Mr M Maake atics Lecture

Ms L Nchabeleng - Life Orientation Lecturer Absent: Ms PF Mosime - Mathematics Lecturer

In his first book, True Dreams do Come True. Dr Tibane writes: "You cannot climb the ladder of success dressed in a costume of failure. By costume, I don't mean the physical clothing, but the attitude you put on. A negative mental attitude is a costume of failure".

Thank you for making a conscious decision to be positive and optimistic. Optimists make great people. We love to be around them because of their energy and the sense of possibility they see in every situation.

Mr Z Nkomo



CAMPUS AWARDS

tudents who passed all their seven subjects and Students who passed all uleil seven say, were obtained a minimum pass rate average of 70%, were celebrated and awarded certificates of achievement at the Campus Awards Ceremony on 11 May 2018.

The awards ceremony did not only focus on academically performing students, as those who participated and excelled in extra-mural activities, were also acknowledged. This included the six students who have successfully completed their 12 months internship

The Campus Manager also took the opportunity to award some staff members for their commitment and



AFRICA'S TRAVEL INDABA 201 ourism Level 4 and Report 191 N6 students, Mr K Senna, Ms J Senoelo, Ms L Mokoka, Ms K Sebone as well travelled to Durban from 8 to 10 Ms 2000 feet.

'Africa's Travel Indaba', which took place at the Moatshe. International Convention Centre (ICC), Upon arrival, the group visited various tourist attractions to find out more about the different career paths available in the tourism industry, as they prepare to enter the world of work.

Among some of the places visited, was the Moses Mabhida Stadium, where the group was taken on a tour around the museum and a ride on the cable car. They also visited the King Shaka International Airport, where $they \, learned \, how \, baggage \, allowances \, operate.$

The students were accompanied by Tourism Lecturers, from 8-10 May 2018 at the Durban ICC

travelled to Durban from 8 to 10 May 2018 for the as two Campus SRC members Mr I Mataboge and Mr K



Tourism students (NCV Level 4 and Report 191 N6), Tourism

EIC LEVEL 4 STUDENTS AT ESKOM POWER STATION



The EIC Level 4 students at the ESKOM Power Station in Vereeninging on 31 March 2018

Electrical Infrastructure & Construction (EIC) Level 4 students went on an excursion to the ESKOM Power Station in Vereeniging on 31 March 2018, learnt more about how electricity is transmitted from the power station to various distribution points.

s Boikanyo Malebye (Lop (Light on p.c.), right) enrolled for Educare in also a Peer Academic s Boikanyo Malebye (top (right on pic 2) who was January 2016 and completed her Leader for two years, studies in June 2017. She has been passed his tradefurthering her studies in the B.Ed examination in April 2018. foundation phase at the University of He is now a qualified Pretoria since January 2018. "With electrician. We wish them the passion I had for teaching and well in their future child development, enrolling for endeavours! Educare at Mankwe Campus was a stepping stone towards my future in teaching field. The experience I had during my academic journey at Mankwe Campus was overwhelming and has helped me to adjust and thrive at University. I am thankful for the support I received from the ORBIT College family, especially the Educare Lecturers," Ms Malebye said.

EIC graduate, Mr Lucky Matcheke





Mr L Matcheke (left) pictured here with Mankwe Ca SRC Treasurer, Mr M Moahlol

IN MEMORIAM

ankwe Campus was saddened by the untimely passing of Transport & Logistics Lecturer, Mr CS Mothibatsela on 2 March 2018. Mr Motibatsela, who was also the Campus Choir Conductor and College Athletics Team Coach, will be solemnly missed for his smile and big heart. He was laid to rest on 10 March 2018.



The late Mr CS Mothibatsela Transport & Logistics Lecturer

May his soul continue to rest in peace!



EN ROUTE VIA ustenburg Campus

PASSION, DRIVE & DEDICATION OPEN ABSA DOORS FOR COLLEGE FINANCE ECONOMICS & ACCOUNTING STUDENT By Tshegofatso Rapoo

RBIT College, Rustenburg Campus Financial Economics Accounting thought would happen to me. I was ecstatic and just couldn't believe it. (FEA) graduate. Mr Medupe Tsawane recently started work at ABSA. Rustenburg Branch, after participating in the 'Ready-To-Work' programme. Mr Tsawane and 49 other FEA students from across the three College campuses (Brits, Mankwe and Rustenburg), were selected to take part in the programme, which is aimed at preparing students for the world of work. The students were placed at various Absa branches in the North West Province, to enable them to gain Work-Based Exposure (WBE). After displaying a lot of dedication and drive during the training, Mr Tsawane was handpicked from the large group and offered full time employment as a Customer Service Clerk at the bank at the Rustenburg Branch.

ABSA, Rustenburg Branch Manager, Ms Ashante Mackenzie says what made Medupe stand out from the rest during the Ready-To-Work programme was his positive attitude and willingness to learn. "From the moment he first walked in, he had a very positive attitude, was very respectful and ALWAYS asked a lot of questions. Every time he was given a task, he'd make sure he understands what was expected of him in order to execute the task diligently. That would always be followed by "what else can I learn?" So, he really took advantage of the time that was allocated to him during the programme. He was really impressive", Ms Mackenzie said.

She added that Mr Tsawane has since settled in. "He's handling the pressures that come with the job pretty well, and remains calm and in charge of every situation he is faced with. He takes it one client at a time and continues to learn from every experience.

We recently caught up with Mr Tsawane at his workplace, to find out about his odyssey..

How would you describe your experience at ABSA so far?

The experience has been an amazing one so far. Since taking part in the ABSA 'Ready- To-Work' programme back in 2017, many doors with great opportunities have opened for me. After my participation in the programme, I was presented with yet another opportunity to study a course in AAT (Association of Accounting Technicians), also through the 'Ready-To-Work' programme. I believe this is when the management of the Rustenburg Branch had an opportunity to recognise me and my abilities.

What was your reaction when you were handpicked to work for ABSA, after taking part in the Ready-to-Work programme alongside forty nine (49) of your peers from the College?

I was beyond excited! Being the only person from a large group of fifty to be chosen to work for a brand as big and exciting as ABSA, was something I never

Would you say the teaching and learning you obtained from ORBIT TVET College prepared you adequately for the workplace?

Absolutely! We really had great lecturers at ORBIT College, who always had time for us as students. They taught us the important work principles and work ethics which I am now able to apply in the workplace. I handle the pressure that comes with every challenge at work with little difficulty because of the theoretical and practical training I received at the College.

Just last year, you were a Financial Management student at ORBIT College. Today you work for one of the biggest banks in the country. How has the whole experience changed your life?

It has changed my life tremendously. I never imagined I would be where I am today. I am grateful to the ABSA (Rustenburg Branch) management for recognising my talent and abilities.

Has it always been your dream to work for a bank?

This is indeed a dream come true. From a young age, I've always dreamt of working for a bank. Taking part in the Ready-To-Work programme was some kind of a sign for me that I was on the right track, and it encouraged me to work hard towards achieving my goal. My dream eventually came true, and I will not stop pushing and working harder because I believe there's still more for me out there in the world.

What are your aspirations as far as the Finance and Banking Industries are concerned?

I definitely want to explore and grow within the Banking Sector. My short term goal is to see myself climb the ladder here at ABSA. I see myself working in the private banking and finance department. I'd also like to see banking institutions create more employment opportunities for unemployed

What advice would you give to your peers who aspire to be where you are?

Work hard and always take your studies seriously. Most importantly, do not be shy to ask if you need clarity. If you are presented with an opportunity in life, you must grab it with both hands and use it to the best of your ability. I remember when my colleagues saw me on my first day at work, most of them said "we remember you! You are the youngster who kept asking endless questions during the 'Ready-To-Work' programme". Without me realising it, I left a mark in most minds during that period



Rustenburg Branch), Mr Otto Lessing (Provincial Manager Commercial Banking), Mi Brian Bogopa (Relationship Executive Public Sector at ABSA), Ms Charlotte Modise (Regional Head Branch Network), Ms Ashante Mackenzie (ABSA Rustenburg Branch Manager) and Mr MacDonald Dubula (Area Head: Rustenburg)

Asked if TVET College students and graduates are employable in the Banking Sector, ABSA Relationship Executive Public Sector, Mr Brian Bogopa said he believes that irrespective of whether one studies at a TVET College or a University, it is attitude that will determine where one will end up in life. "I had the opportunity to sit down with Medupe and take him through what his job would entail on a daily basis, when he was taking part in the Ready-To-Work programme. His positive attitude and drive was naturally there. It came as no surprise when I was informed that he had been handpicked to work for our branch as a full time employee," Mr Bogopa said.

Since the inception of the ABSA 'Ready-To-Work' programme, approximately 200 students from ORBIT College have benefitted from the initiative. Mr Tsawane is also the only student from a TVET College across the country to be employed by ABSA, following participation in the programme.

NEW APPOINMENTS





CAMPUS AWARDS CEREMONY 2018

he much awaited annual Campus Awards Ceremony took place on 29 May 2018 at Rustenburg Campus B (Hall A), where academically performing students in NC(V) programmes, Report 191 Business Studies and Engineering Studies were acknowledged for their achievements.

The 2017 Top Ten Achievers were awarded certificates for their outstanding performance at each level. The overall top achievers in each programme were also recognised and awarded trophies for their hard work.

Guests were kept entertained by the Campus Choir, which was also acknowledged

for representing the College at the 2017 COSACSA Arts & Culture National Festival in Richards Bay. The Student Support Unit took the opportunity to introduce the 2018 Rustenburg Campus Student Representative Council (SRC) members, who played a pivotal role on the day.

A special thanks to all staff members who were the success that it was



involved and who assisted in making the celebration







COLLEGE MANDELA QUIZ **WINNERS- TEAM BOSS ZONKE** eam Boss Zonke from Rustenburg Campus will represent the College

at the Regional Mandela Quiz Competition, after beating Brits and Mankwe Campus teams at the College Quiz Competition held on 31 May 2018. The Regional Quiz Competition will take place at the Rustenburg Campus Music Auditorium on 17 July 2018, where Team Boss Zonke will Compete against teams from Vuselela College, Taletso College, Gert Sibande College, Nkangala College and Ehlanzeni College.



winners of the Mandela Quiz Competition, 'Team Boss Zonke' from Rustenbrug Campus. Pictured from left to right: 'Boss Zonke' Coach, Ms N Mahila (Student Support Officer: Social, Mr T Monnamorwa (Electrica Engineering N3), Mr M Phanda (EIC L4) & Mr K Mabunda (Boilermaking N4)

IN MEMORIAM

ustenburg Campus started 2018 on a sad note after two students, Mr G Mangole (Engineering Studies N5) and Mr A Mvelase (IT L3) passed away after being involved in a horrific car accident on 2 February 2018. They were both laid to rest on 10 February 2018. The Campus was hit with yet another blow, with the untimely passing of IT Level 4 student, Ms K Boikanyo on 12 May 2018. She was laid to rest on 19 May

Our heartfelt condolences go out to their families, friends and the ORBIT family. May their souls continue to rest in peace!



IT Level 4



Engineering Studies N5



IT Level 3

competition where participants (interested students across all three campuses) had to design a Nelson Mandela poster, inspired by the themes "Make a difference" and "Be the legacy".

> From the many entries received, each campus was then tasked with selecting posters that would be presented to the Mandela Centenary Committee. The winning poster would be used as the official College Mandela Centenary celebrations poster.

s part of the Nelson Mandela Centenary 2018 celebrations, the College ran a The Committee was faced with the difficult task of having to select only one poster from the creative designs submitted. The winning poster was by Rustenburg Campus Jewellery Manufacture & Design N5 student, Ms C Ernest. The runner up winners were Rustenburg Campus Mechanical Engineering N5 student, Mr S Tukani (1st runner-up) and Rustenburg Campus IT Level 3, Mr P Marumole (2nd runner-up)

Rustenburg Campus winners of the Mandela Poster Competition. From left to right: 1 unner up, Mr S Tukani (Rustenburg Campus- Mechanical Engineering N5), winner, Ms Ck





nest (Rustenburg Campus- Jewellery Manufacture & Design N5) and 2nd runner up

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MORE THAN 1000 GRADUATES CONFERRED AT THE ANNUAL **DIPLOMA & CERTIFICATION CEREMONY** By Tshegofatso Rapoo

hursday, 24 May 2018 was another day of jubilation in the Higher Education subjects- Labour Relations N6, Personnel Management N6 and Sector, as ORBIT TVET College conferred more than one thousand graduates with Personnel Training N5 & N6. Mr Pabalelo Otsheleng, Rustenburg National Certificates and National N Diplomas, marking it as the biggest graduation
Campus N6 Mechanical Engineering graduate scooped the 'DUX ceremony the College has ever hosted.

Owing to the record breaking number of 1027 graduates, three sessions that ran concurrently, were hosted at the Rustenburg Civic Centre (City Hall) to accommodate the astounding number of graduates. Among the distinguished guests in attendance, were the Queen Mother of the Royal Bafokeng Nation, Mmemogolo Semane Molotlegi, who was also part of the Academic Procession, members of the College Council, stakeholders from ABSA, Standard Bank and Electro Diesel Group (sponsors of the event) and of course the friends and families of the VIPs of the day, the esteemed graduates.

No fewer than 741 Report 191 N6 Business & General Studies as well as Report 191 N6 Engineering Studies graduates and diplomandi were acknowledged during the first and second sessions, followed by the NC (V) Programmes Ceremony, which saw $285\,candidates\,being\,awarded\,for\,completing\,their\,respective\,Level\,4\,qualifications.$

Brits Campus Human Resources Management N6 student, Ms Sheila Moyo received the sought-after 'DUX Student Award' for Report 191 Business & General Studies, after she achieved an outstanding nine distinctions, coupled with 100% for 4



ORBIT College conferred a record-breaking 1027 graduates with National Certificates and National N Diplomas at its Annual Diploma & Certific Ceremony, on 24 May 2018 at the Rustenburg Civic Centre

Student Award' for Report 191 Engineering Studies. Mr Otsheleng obtained an unbelievable average of 92.83% and achieved no less than 12 distinctions over his period of study. In addition to this, he achieved 100% for 3 subjects – Mathematics N6, Mechanotechnics N5 and Power Machines N5. The renowned DUX Award for National Certificate (Vocational) studies was presented to Ms Boipelo Molefe from Mankwe Campus, for her consistent excellent academic performance in the Office Administration qualification. Ms Molefe obtained an average of 83.24% and bagged an incredible fifteen distinctions over her 3 year period of study. All DUX Awards were sponsored by Standard Bank.

The College also recognised seventeen Top Achievers who obtained an average of no less than 70%. They also received trophies and cash prizes, courtesy of our proud sponsor, ABSA Bank.

The admirable quality of the College graduates was displayed through the motivational speakers of the event, Mr Collin Chavana, a Mankwe Campus Tourism N6 graduate, who also received his Diploma in Tourism on the day, and Mr Pabalelo

Otsheleng, the recipient of the DUX Student Award for Report 191 Engineering Studies and Top Achiever Award. Both speakers did an outstanding job in inspiring and persuading their fellow graduates to work hard at achieving greatness throughout their lives, as they prepare to enter the world of work.

The College presented the first ever 'Best Female in Engineering Award', which was bestowed on Rustenburg Campus student, Ms Dineo Manala, for her excellent performance in Report 191 Electrical Engineering. Ms Manala obtained an average of 80.25% and pocketed nine distinctions. This special award, sponsored by a long standing industry partner of the College, Electro Diesel Group, is in accordance with Government's National Skills Development Strategy objectives, which calls for an increase in female artisans.

In 2017, ORBIT TVET College produced approximately 900 graduates, indicating a significant increase in the number of graduates in 2018.

The Management and staff of ORBIT College would like to take this opportunity and congratulate the graduates on this important milestone in their lives, and wish them well in their future endeavours.







The recipients of the 2018 DUX Student A ards- For Report 191 Business & Gen Ms Sheila Moyo (pictured in the middle on photo one), with Mr Brian Bogopa, ABSA itionship Executive Public Sector (left)and Deputy Principal Corporate Services, Mr Solly Matjiane; Photo two: Mr Pabalelo Otsheleng (middle), DUX student for Report 191 Engineering Studies and Ms Boipelo Molefe (photo three), being awarded their Standard Bank-sponsored trophies and gifts from Mr Walter Mogotsi, Head of Public Sector North West Standard Bank (pictured left) and Deputy Principal Corporate Services, Mr Solly Matjiane (pictured right)



The Queen Mother of the Royal Bafokeng Nation, Mmemogolo Seman Molotlegi congratulates a diplomandi, alongside the Acting Principal of ORBIT TVET College, Mr Tumisang Mosito (left) after being capped by the Deputy Chairperson of the College Council, Dr Oupa Nkagisang (far right)

NELSON MANDELA CENTENARY 2018- BE THE LEGACY By Tshegofatso Rapoo

2018 marks the centenary of the birth of the iconic Nelson Mandela. In celebrating this historic milestone, South Africans and the entire world, will be reflecting on his life and times, to promote his legacy.

To this end, ORBIT College has formed a Mandela Centenary Committee comprising officials from Student Support Services, Corporate Communications and SRC members. The Committee is responsible for driving the 100 years celebrations and activities that the College will be embarking on in 2018.

Under the theme, 'Make a difference', the College has so far rolled out exciting activities, including a poster competition, which was won by Rustenburg Campus Jewellery Manufacture & Design N5 student, Ms CK Ernst.

Brits, Mankwe and Rustenburg Campuses also battled it out at the College Mandela Quiz Competition held on 31 May 2018, where the selected students, competed against each other for the ultimate opportunity of representing the College at the Regional Quiz Competition. Team 'Boss Zonke' (Rustenburg Campus) were the winners of the College Mandela Quiz, and will contend for the 'Regional Quiz Masters' title against teams Vuselela College, Taletso College, Gert Sibande College, Nkangala College and Ehlanzeni College on 17 July 2018 at ORBIT College, Rustenburg Campus (Music Auditorium)





The winning Nelson Mandela Poster was designed by Rustenburg Campus Jewellery Manufacture & Design N5 student, Ms CK Ernst. It is being used as the official College Centenary Celebrations poster

ORBIT COLLEGE FC JOURNEY LEADING UP TO THE NEDBANK CUP LAST 32 COMPETITION By Reuben Marakalala

The 2017/18 ABC Motsepe League season, got off to an exhilarating start, as sixteen teams, including ORBIT College FC, competed in a number of matches for an opportunity to represent the North West Province in the much anticipated Nedbank Cup Last 32 Competition, which took part in Cape Town in February 2018.

ORBIT College FC did not disappoint, and fought their way to the top, by beating SAB Provincial champions, Captain secure their place in the back row, in white t-shirts, from I to r) Last 32 Cup Competition.

part in Cape Town in February 2018. They are pictured here with former Principal of the College, Ms Maryna Marais (in the middle of the front row), and the team Fitness Trainer, Mr Jabu Eleven FC in the finals, to Mothibi, Head Coach- Mr Pogiso Makhoye and Goalkeeper Coach- Mr Tshepo Segoai (all in the

In Cape Town, the 'Msweko Boys', as they are popularly known, put up a brave fight against Steenberg United, but unfortunately lost 3-1 to the Cape Town side.

Head Coach, Mr Pogiso Makhoye says he is very proud of his players' performance this season, and has no doubt that they will rise to the top. "Our vision for 2020 is to move up the rankings all the way to the National Division League (NFD), which will place us a step closer to our ultimate goal; the Premier Soccer League (PSL)." the coach said. Mr Pogiso Makhoye also added that it was gratifying to see three of the players he developed, playing for the top PSL teams participating in the Nedbank Cup finals. Former ORBIT College FC right winger, Sibusiso Hlubi, now plays for Free State Stars, while Pogiso Sanoka (Centre Back) and striker, Mohau Mokate are part of the Maritzburg United squad. Mokate and Sanoka have also just had their contracts renewed with the team for 3 years.

ORBIT College FC concluded the 2017/18 season at number 4 on the log, two places higher than the previous season, where they were standing at position 6.

A number of the club's players are currently being assessed by various NFD clubs for selection. The College wishes them the best of luck!

Jonnuntly Connexions

900 PRACTITIONERS TO BE UPSKILLED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT TRAINING PROGRAMME By Peter Matlou



Director: Curriculum Development Services at the Department of Education (NW), Dr E Mammen, addressing the ECD Facilitators at an induction session held in Mahikeng

n pursuit of its obligation to build capacity and enhance National Development Plan. performance of practitioners in crèches managed by the Department of Social Development, the Department of ORBIT College, in collaboration with the government Education and Sport Development in the North West departments, rolled out induction sessions between 31 Province has entered into an agreement with ORBIT TVET May and 15 June 2018, throughout the North West College to train 900 practitioners in acquiring ECD Level 4 Province. The sessions were, amongst others, aimed at qualifications.

The practitioners, currently volunteering at Early Students will be placed at various Training Centres across formal ECD qualifications, have been selected to take part in a 12 month ECD Training Programme, which will see



Participants in the programme are briefed of what is expected of them during the 12 month training period

highlighting the roles and responsibilities of the students. before they commence with formal training.

Childhood Development Learning Centres but with no the Province, where they will gain practical experience during the week and attend formal theoretical classes on Saturdays. Training will commence on 1 July 2018 in the them acquire ECD Level 4 Certificates and become following districts: Bojanala. Kenneth Kaunda, Dr Ruth qualified ECD Practitioners upon completion, as per the Segomotsi Mompati and Ngaka Modiri Molema. The students will receive a monthly stipend.

> Business Development and Innovation Manager, Mr Peter Matlou says the enthusiasm shown by the candidates enrolled for the programme was quite exciting, coupled with the full cooperation from the Centres earmarked for training. Mr Matlou added that he is grateful to the Department of Education (NW) for seeing the importance of funding this initiative.

> An ECD qualification, prepares one for a career in a formal ECD environment. If you want to work as a pre-school teacher, Crèche Manager, or ECD Centre Manager, this is

STAY INFORMED AND MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE! By Welhiminah Modisane

he Marketing and Recruitment team always strives to keep its community informed about the College and its new developments. Sharing information with the youth of Bojanala District Municipality is fundamental as it enables them to make informed career decisions. Ghanain Diplomat. Mr Kofi Annan once said "Knowledge is power. Information $is\ liberating.\ Education\ is\ the\ premise\ of\ progress,\ in\ every\ society,\ in\ every\ family. ''\ This\ is\ why\ the\ team\ takes\ pleasure\ in\ every\ family.$ equipping the young and old minds with educational information so that they too can lead a progressive and sustainable future!

School visits

On an annual basis the team embarks on exciting recruitment drives such as school visits, career exhibitions, open days. stakeholder liaison sessions, etc. This year is no different and will be even better as we managed to reach out to nine secondary schools via school visits during the month of Covenant & Academy, Grenville High School, Kgosibodiba Secondary School, Motlhaputseng Secondary School, Thethe Secondary School, Rakoko Secondary School, St. Annes Secondary School, Sedibelo Secondary School and Gabonewe Secondary School.



Grade 12 & 11 learners of St Annes Secondary School in Bapong 2 Village seated to receive presentation about study opportunities at ORBIT College



Grade 12 learners of Rakoko Secondary School in Mabeskraal Village divulging in College



earners of Motlhaputseng Secondary School in Silwerkraan Village listening attentively during a presentation by the Marketing and Recruitment Officer, Ms W Modisane

TVET SECTOR STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND AWARENESS PROMOTION ALTERS PERCEPTIONS

By Welheminah Modisane

n February, the Marketing and Recruitment Officer of ORBIT TVET College, Ms Wilheminah Modisane, engaged approximately eighty two Department of Education Life Orientation Educators of Moses Kotane and Rustenburg Sub-districts within the Bojanala District during a meeting that was held to discuss the Annual District Expo. During the meeting the new DHET Admission Policy was also introduced and shared with all representatives present. At least 70 Secondary Schools in the Bojanala Region were represented at the meeting.

A 20 minute presentation was conducted to all attendees to remind DoE stakeholders of the mandate of the TVET College Sector with a strong focus on ORBIT College. As one of 50 public TVET Colleges striving to contribute towards the NDP Strategy by bridging the skills gaps and focusing on artisan development. To this end, educators were made aware that the type of curricula offered at Colleges is as valuable and as much in demand as those of Universities and the two should not be confused nor be compared.

One would think that by now many of our stakeholders would be well informed and aware of the TVET College Sector mandate but the reality is that there are still many grey areas! This is the main reason why Colleges need to constantly keep in touch with schools at all possible levels in order for them to prepare and inform their learners

some educators still have a number of misconceptions about TVET Colleges and the programmes on offer. However, the record was set straight with uncertainties It was also very interesting to see the surprising reaction

accordingly. During the interaction it became clear that

of educators when they were shown interactive pictorials of our very own students in action during their workshop/practical training.

Some educators even alluded that they will guide their family members and relatives to study through TVET

Most importantly, Subject Specialists and LO Educators were made aware of the new application criteria that was introduced by DHET late last year. Attendees were informed that TVET Colleges are now making use of the Admission Point Score (APS) system as Universities and Universities of Technologies are doing.

In closing, the Subject Education Specialist for Life Orientation (FET) for Moses Kotane Sub-district, Ms Alfreda Ramasodi pleaded with educators to work hard in empowering their learners to improve their results in order for them to pursue envisaged career studies at tertiary level.





Ms Wilheminah Modisane, Marketing and Recruitment Officer of ORBIT TVET College, addresses the LO Educators and Subject Specialists of Moses Kotane and Rustenburg Sub-districts

Career Expos

The team attended the two biggest annual career exhibitions in the Bojanala district, mainly aimed at targeting only Grade 12 learners. The CEIA Madibeng Expo was held from 13 to 15 February 2018 at Primindia Hall in Brits and the CEIA Bojanala DoE Annual Career Exhibition was held from 27 February to 2 March 2018 at Rustenburg Civic Centre.

Other exhibitions attended were Royalty Annual Career Expo which mainly targets English/Afrikaans Medium Secondary Schools. This expo was held on 12 and 13 April 2018 at Grenswag Hoërskool in Rustenburg. The Tsoga Re Phande Expo was also attended. This initiative was exclusively meant for the Mphe-Bana Secondary School learners in Koster.

The College was also well represented at the DHET Career Exhibition that was hosted at Limpopo in Mokgoophong Village on 23 April 2018.



Grade 12 learners of Secondary Schools in Madibeng and Letlhabile Sub-Districts showing interest at ORBIT stand during CEIA Madibeng Career Expo in Brits



Career Expo at Mokgoophong Village Stadium in Limpopo



Moses Kotane Sub-Districts enjoying their edutainment outing



Royalty Annual Career Expo at Grenswag Hoërskool in

Anglo American Platinum Mine valued our presence at their Career Open Day that was hosted on 9 May 2018. This career day was limited to Tshukudu Secondary School learners in Thekwane Village.



Career Open Day by Anglo American Platinum Mine at Tshukudu Secondary School in Thekwane Village

The College Marketing and Recruitment Team is endlessly reaching out to every possible destination within our



information material after presentation

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ZOOMING INTO YOUTH MONTH By Mashilo Chauke & Nthabiseng Mosala

YOUTH ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT DAY

he Rustenburg Local Municipality
(RIM) hosted the Youth Enterprise (RLM) hosted the Youth Enterprise Development Day on 14 June 2018 at the Rustenburg Civic Centre. The purpose of the day was to educate and share information with youth-owned enterprises (Small Medium and Micro Enterprises and Cooperatives) with special attention to Sustainable Enterprise Development, Market Development and Access to Finance Interventions.

The Centre for Entrepreneurship and Rapid Incubator at ORBIT College was among the key stakeholders invited to the event, being an establishment that offers generic business support services to SMMEs on a daily basis in and around the Rustenburg area.



Mr Mashilo Chauke, Facilitator at ORBIT College: Centre for Entrepreneurship, addressing the crowd and stakeholders. He highlighted the services that the CfE renders to graduates and community members of Rustenburg and neighbouring areas



SMMEs came out in numbers to the Rustenburg Civic Centre, to find out more about the opportunities available to them as entrepreneurs of youth-owned businesses

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CAREER EXPO

With the month of June dedicated to celebrating the youth of SA, the Rustenburg Public Safety Department hosted an informative Career Expo at the Marikana Community Hall on 20 June 2018.

Ms Nthabiseng Mosala and Mr Mashilo Chauke from the Centre for Entrepreneurship and Rapid Incubator, were invited to share information relating to programmes offered at the College and entrepreneurial services available at the Centres. Learners from local schools and the outof-school youth in Marikana were in attendace.



Ms N Mosala, Administrative Assistant for ORBIT College: Centre for Entrepreneurship (CfE) and Rapid Incubator (RI), addressing the youth in attendance on the services offered



The learners from schools in Marikana and out-of-school youth at the Career Expo

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SRC TEAM BUILDING SESSION PRINCIPAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES & STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

ear Orbitants!

It gives me great pleasure to welcome and congratulate you on your acceptance to ORBIT TVET College. We are happy and excited that you have selected and entrusted us with the great responsibility to offer you quality and accessible

As a College, we promote achievements in all areas of learning relevant to the TVET College Sector. To enhance this mandate, the College is characterised by, inter alia, fully functional teaching and learning facilities that include Student Support Services Centres. We fully support our students academically and socially, from the time they enter the College, during their periods of study and when they exit the institution.

In the great words of Nikos Kazantzakis, always remember that "teachers are those who use themselves as bridges over the properties of twhich they invite their students to cross; then having facilitated their crossing,

joyfully collapse, encouraging them to create bridges of their own".

As part of the institutional experience and journey, you will find camaraderie amongst peers who share your interest. When meeting new people, use that opportunity to gain valuable life skills. This can be done through the hundreds of active campus organisations and the countless volunteer opportunities as well as the social, cultural and recreational co-curricular activities that the College has to

Our goal is to make you proud of the decisions you have made, and we are looking forward to an enduring engagement with you. Use this opportunity to enjoy the academic and extra-curricular activities available to you.

I look forward to following your sound academic and extra-curricular engagement, as you embark on the ORBIT journey.



Mr T Mosito **Deputy Principal Academic Programmes & Student Support** Services



he Student Support Unit took the 2018 SRC members on a three-day team building session at Orion Hotel, Rustenburg on 26 April 2018. Pictured here are Student Support Officials from the three Campuses (Mr P Tekana, Mr M Mabai, Ms S Sebogodi), Deputy Principal Academic Programmes & Student Support Services, Mr T Mosito with

INTRODUCTION OF 2018 SRC

RBIT COLLEGE would like to officially congratulate the 2018 Student Representative Council (SRC) members! We trust they will represent their fellow students to the best of their ability during the 2018 academic year.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President - Mr Doctor Ndebele (Brits Campus) Deputy President - Mr Itumeleng Mataboge (Mankwe Campus) Secretary - Mr Phakamile Rabothata (Mankwe Campus) Deputy Secretary - Mr Tsholofelo Molekwa (Brits Campus) Treasurer - Mr Moeketsi Moahloli (Mankwe Campus) Academic Development Officer - Mr Ofentse Mashike (Brits Campus) Disciplinary and Legal Officer - Ms Masego Maje (Rustenburg Campus) Health and Wellness Office - Mr Koketso Nkitseng (Mankwe Campus) Public Relations Officer - Mr Oratile Mathulwe (Rustenburg Campus) Sports and Recreational Officer - Ms Tshiamo Sekati (Brits Campus) Arts and Culture Officer - Ms Juanitta Molefe (Rustenburg Campus)

Gender and Disability Officer - Ms Onkabetse Rapoo (Rustenburg Campus)

OTHER MEMBERS

Mr Ofentse Legoete (Mankwe Campus)

Mr Kamogelo Moatshe (Mankwe Campus)

Ms Lerato Qankase (Mankwe Campus) Mr Thabang Mokua (Mankwe Campus)

Mr Fortune Mosoane (Rustenburg Campus)

Ms Sweeneth Sambo (Rustenburg Campus)

Ms Masego Gendal (Rustenburg Campus)

Mr Themba Mathebula (Rustenburg Campus)

Mr Lefa Nthangeni (Brits Campus) Ms Kamogelo Makhubela (Brits Campus)

Ms Basetsana Lebethe (Brits Campus)

Mr Calvin Phala (Brits Campus)

COLLEGE ACADEMIC DAY By Yvonne Shilowa

he 2018 College Academic Day was held on 31 May 2018 at Rustenburg Campus, Music Auditorium. All three campuses were represented in the following categories:

- Debate
- Mandela Quiz
- Public Speaking
- **Prepared Reading**
- Mathematics and Mathematical Literacy

This year's event saw the introduction of a new category, the Mandela Quiz. The teams representing the Campuses battled it out to find out who is more knowledgeable when coming to the life and times of the late Nelson Mandela as the world celebrates the his centennial birthday

The overall campus winners in the different categories were:

- 1. Mathematics and Mathematics Literacy- Mankwe Campus
- 2. Public speaking- Brits campus
- 3. Prepared Reading-Rustenburg Campus
- 4. Mandela Quiz-Rustenburg Campus (Team Bozz Zonke)

Furthermore, eleven students taking part in the Debate Competition were chosen to debate in July 2018 for the final two spots to represent the College at the National Debate Competition that will be held in August 2018.

Team Boss Zonke from Rustenburg Campus will represent the College at the Regional Mandela Quiz Competition which will be held at Rustenburg Campus Auditorium on 17 July 2018.

Congratulations to all the winners at this year's College Academic Day. To all the students who participated in the various categories, the day was a success because of you and your participation. Keep up the spirit of wanting to learn and improve on



Participants in the Mandela Quiz Competition



Participants of the Debate Competition

TOP ACHIEVERS 2017

4 DISTINCTIONS

6 DISTINCTIONS



Molefe B OA Level 4 Mankwe Campus



5 DISTINCTIONS

Khalid S FFA Level 4 **Rustenburg Campus**



Ramodisa SE OA Level 4 Mankwe campus



Goitirwang KR OA Level 4 **Rustenburg Campus**



Lebeko M OA Level 4 Mankwe Campus



Monaise LM OA Level 4 Rustenburg Campus

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE



Maphosa PTG EIC N6 Rustenburg Campus 100% in **Power Machines N6**



EIC N6 Rustenburg Campus 100% in Mathematics N6



Fin. Man. N6 **Rustenburg Campus** 100% in Cost & **Management Accounting**

3 DISTINCTIONS









Molatlhegi R

FEA Level 4 Rustenburg Campus





Rustenburg Campus



Monareng TR rans & Logistics L4 Mankwe Campus



Mankwe Campus



Mankwe Campus

Mokgosi BV

Tourism L4 Mankwe Campus



Rustenburg Campus



Seitei R Tourism (L4) - Mankwe Campus Sithole MJ - Office Administration (L4) Mankwe Campus

Ramse BD - Office Administration (L4) Brits Campus

Berente TS - Office Administration (L4) Brits Campus

Maselo LP - Office Administration (L4) Mankwe Campus

Mathola N - Office Administration (L4) Mankwe Campus

Modise TG - Financial Management (L4) Brits Campus Mokoena LM - Human Resources Man. (N6) Rustenburg Campus Mothibedi KI - Electrical Engineering (L4) Mankwe Campus Natsane PF - Office Administration (L4) Rustenburg Campus Nxumalo VB - Electrical Engineering (N6) Rustenburg Campus Pelesi OP - Finance Economics & A (L4) Rustenburg Campus Pilane NP - Financial Management & Accounting (N6) Rustenburg Campus

Dikgwatlhe K - Human Resources Man. (N6) Rustenburg Campus Khoza KE - Engineering Related Design (L4) Rustenburg Campu

Maseka SN - Human Resources Management (N6) Rustenburg Campus

Phatshwane BS - Information Computer Technology (L4) Rustenburg Campus

Rangwaga TM - Finance Economics & Accounting (L4) Rustenburg Campus

Chauke NP - Tourism (L4) Mankwe Campus

Maphosa PT - Electrical Engineering (N6)