

Editorial

In July last year, South Africa was still firmly in the grip of the COVID-19 pandemic; adjusted alert level 1 to be more specific. This year, with the pandemic under adequate control, we have swapped levels for stages, with the country hovering between stages 4 and 6 load shedding. In between all of these, was the July 2021 unrests which led to loss of lives and economic devastation.

As we prepare this edition, the country is feeling the pinch of rising fuel prices which add to the slew of other increased expenses including food and electricity as well as the cost of borrowing money due to increased interest. No one is immune to these events, and as business people will often tell you, problems present challenges which can be turned into business opportunities. Just as the COVID-19 pandemic gave birth to numerous burgeoning personal professional protective businesses, the country's electricity crisis needs more varied solutions for us to be able to power our economy.

One innovative solution presented are refabricated modular homes to solve the country's ever increasing housing backlog. Examples are many and most, if not all, point to the continued relevance and importance of the TVET College Sector in sparking ideas and producing sustainable solutions while effecting job creation. It is here that dreams are turned into ideas which are converted to solutions. The newly launched Intel Artificial Intelligence Lab at Brits Campus will definitely give our students an opportunity to develop solutions and contribute to the country's 4IR mandate. We are equally excited about the Diesel Mechanic Centre of Specialisation (CoS) workshop at Mankwe Campus that will assist to produce more artisans in achieving the artisan development objectives of Government's National Development Plan.

The College has hosted a number of successful events and initiatives since the commencement of the 2022 academic year; this after more than two years of virtual events imposed on us due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All these have been highlighted in this edition for your reading pleasure. Therefore, let us not be demoralized or distracted by the current challenges we experience as a nation. Instead, let us challenge ourselves to capitalize on these problems with innovative ideas to positively impact lives. If we don't, who will?

Enjoy!
Editorial Team

INTEL LAUNCHES FIRST EVER ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE LAB IN AFRICA AT ORBIT COLLEGE, BRITS CAMPUS

By Ms Tshegofatso Rapoo-Maloyi- E-Media & Communications Administrator



The Intel AI Lab was officially opened at ORBIT College, Brits Campus on 20 July 2022.

Dr Nkosinathi Sishi- DHET DG (left) and Mr Maurits Tichelman- Intel Vice President Sales and Marketing and General Manager EMEA Territory (right) in the newly-launched AI laboratory at Brits Campus

ORBIT TVET College has become the first institution in Africa to roll out Intel's Artificial Intelligence (AI) Future Workforce Programme. The launch, which took place on 20 July 2022, was a collaborative effort between Intel, the Department of Higher Education & Training (DHET) and the College. It also saw the opening of a new AI laboratory at Brits Campus.

The aim of the programme is to inspire young students to explore opportunities in artificial intelligence and spark interest in developing solutions, once they get the knowhow. Participants will gain practical skills in programming and coding, algorithm and computational thinking, social skills, AI ethics, critical thinking and problem-solving skills, systems mapping and solution building. Upon successful completion of the course, students will receive certificates of competency.

The College was honoured to have at the event, Intel Vice President Sales and Marketing and General Manager EMEA Territory, Mr Maurits Tichelman who shared that through the programme, South Africa can start training the next generation of future technologists and innovators, who will contribute to the President Cyril Ramaphosa's Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) mandate. "AI is one of the technology superpowers driving growth, innovation, and job creation in every aspect of society. It is therefore an honour for Intel to be able to contribute to the development of artificial intelligence skills at ORBIT College," Mr Tichelman said. He added that this programme is the first of its kind to be launched in South Africa and on the African continent, with ORBIT College serving as a "beacon" for the country's TVET institutions.

So far, Intel officials and facilitators from different parts of the world, have trained twelve Master Coaches at the College. These coaches were awarded certificates at the event; and of the twelve, two have already been poached by industry.

A delighted Dr Nick Balkrishen, Regional Manager for North West and Mpumalanga TVET and CET Colleges explained that the programme is an appetiser AI course which provides a broad overview of what AI is. "There are other steps of the training programme and we feel this will empower the students greatly. If they have an interest in AI, then they will take all the steps in the training programme that are being offered to grow their interests. As a region, we want to extend this programme to the six TVET colleges in the region. It's starting out at ORBIT, but we want to extend it to the other five Colleges, as we want all of our colleges and students to benefit." Dr Balkrishen added.



The Intel AI Lab was officially opened at ORBIT College, Brits Campus on 19 July 2022.

Pictured from left to right: Ms Tebogo Tlhopile- Brits Campus Manager, Mr Sam Zungu- DHET DDG: TVET Branch, Dr Kabelo Moloantso- College Council Chairperson, Dr Nkosinathi Sishi- DHET DG, Mr Maurits Tichelman- Intel Vice President Sales and Marketing and General Manager EMEA Territory, Mr Dika Mokoena- ORBIT College Principal and Dr Nick Balkrishen- Regional Manager: NW & Mpumalanga TVET & CET Colleges





The Master Coaches that were trained by Intel officials and facilitators from different parts of the world. They were awarded certificates of at the event.

An equally excited Mr Dika Mokoena, Principal of ORBIT College, indicated that this AI skills initiative marks the shift toward project-based education, and that the College will ensure that students are well equipped with technical and technological facilities so that they can improve their skills and knowledge. Mr Mokoena shared the sentiments of the DHET Director General, Dr Nkosinathi Sishi, who said that the emphasis of the department is on high-priority skills areas. "Critical skills and skills in high-demand are important to us, so the laboratory will definitely bring skills that will make young South Africans excel worldwide. "We urge students to take part in the project, as they would benefit and gain skills that would help them compete in the world of technology and innovation," Dr Sishi concluded.

One of the highlights of the event was when Brits Campus student, Mr Neo Matjeke who is one of the students who has completed the appetiser course, took to the stage to outline how he would design a smart traffic system to prevent pedestrian injuries. Through the use of AI, traffic lights would notify pedestrians

about a car that may not be able to stop in time, enabling smarter decisions, and saving lives.

The AI for Future Workforce initiative has already been rolled out in other parts of the world and forms part of the Intel Digital Readiness programmes, but it is the first initiative in Africa at a North West TVET College.

Amongst other guests of honour present on the day were DHET Deputy Director General: TVET Branch, Mr Sam Zungu, DHET and Intel Officials, College Council Chairperson, Dr Kabelo Molantoa and College Senior Management.



Brits Campus N6 Management Assistant student, Mr Neo Matjeke, is one of the students who has completed the appetiser programme. He said if given a chance to create an AI computer to solve a problem in SA, his invention would be to create a pedestrian patrol system that would be able to calculate possibilities of an accident happening at a certain area and prevent it from happening



DHET DDG, Mr Sam Zungu, DHET DG, Dr Nkosinathi Sishi, Intel VP, Mr Maurits Tichelmam and ORBIT College Principal, Mr Dika Mokoena respond to questions from journalists from various media houses during a media briefing session.



AI for Future Workforce

Orbit TVET Brits Campus in collaboration with Ministry of Higher education and Intel will now offer AI for future work force

The purpose of the programme is to empower future workforce with the necessary AI skills for employability in a digital economy.

■ Course Duration

121 - 216 hours completed
39 modules (including practicals).

■ Requirements

Needs to be over 16 years of age.
Foundational mathematics and statistical skills

No coding experience is required.**

■ How to apply

1. Online Placement assessment via learner profiler link: <https://learnerprofiler.co.za/?c=orb21stl>
2. Online Academic Application via i-enabler. Upload documents (ID copy and Latest School Results) - https://ienabler.orbitcollege.co.za/pls/prodi41/w99pkg.mi_login
3. College bursary application at Campus:
4. College SMS - indicating application status or alternatively check status in the student i-enabler system. Status 1 "O" New applicant-If documents not received. "P or X" If documents received.
5. Final SMS – Application status, either "A" Admitted or "X" Rejected or "F" if classes are full.

The Bigger Picture

AS A MATTER OF "PRINCIPAL"

Dear ORBIT community



Mr Dika Mokoena
ORBIT College Principal

For more than two years, the world has been battling one of the worst pandemics ever experienced by humankind- the COVID- 19 pandemic! Higher education has been under pressure ever since, and TVET Colleges and universities have a crucial role to play in helping society 'build back better' from COVID-19 and other existential challenges.

Among the negative impacts of COVID-19 that have been documented in South Africa,

are significant increases in unemployment, food insecurity and learning losses at school level. The Department of Higher Education and Training has recently pointed out that the "economic impact of COVID-19 on the sustainability of the system is likely to come from all quarters- cuts in baseline funding through subsidies and transfers, cuts in research funding from government and funding from donors and other sources".

These challenges are clearly proving to us that the skill of learning, unlearning, and relearning should be earmarked as essential for students; given that the skills that graduates will need for their first job will become obsolete, requiring constant re-skilling throughout their careers in order to remain employed. The Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) has clearly become the main driving force in improving higher education.

A lot needs to change in order to better prepare our students for an ever-changing global environment, in which they can be the change makers who find solutions to the many complex problems our world faces, and have a positive impact on society. Therefore, I am pleased and excited to announce the launch of the Artificial Intelligence Laboratory by Intel at our Brits Campus on 19 July 2022; making the Future Workforce programme the first one in South Africa, and also the first one on the continent. I have no doubt that it will bring critical skills and innovation to the youth of South Africa, and ensure that our students are well equipped with technical and technological facilities so that they can improve their skills and knowledge. I would like to urge students to continually reconfigure their knowledge while gathering new skills and techniques in this ever-changing climate of standardization and virtualisation.

Lastly, as much as we welcome the repeal of major COVID-19 regulations, more especially on the wearing of masks, may I remind you all that COVID-19 is still very much in our midst and remains a risk. We acknowledge that some students and/or staff may still choose to wear a mask, and we encourage everyone to be respectful of the choices of others.

POST PROVISION NORMS (PPN) UPDATE

By Mr Solly Matjiane- Deputy Principal Corporate Services



Mr Solly Matjiane
Deputy Principal: Corporate Services

The Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) initiated a countrywide project for TVET Colleges, aimed at developing and implementing organisational structures to suit the needs of each College. DHET has since developed and approved a Post Provision Norms (PPN) procedure manual intended to guide the implementation of the project, particularly at College level. The implementation of the PPN model and college structure in TVET Colleges is driven by the College PPN Implementation Committees of individual colleges in a phased approach over a three year period, as outlined in the PPN Implementation Management Plan.

The ORBIT CIC had initially opted for the Deputy Principal Registrar-based organisational structure, but later opted for the Deputy Principal Innovation-based organisational structure as a more suitable structure instead. This change was communicated to both DHET and College staff at large.

The progress the CIC has made thus far includes the identification of employees who were previously on the College Council Payroll and who qualified for migration to PERSAL. We are pleased to announce that the transfer of these employees has now been completed.

Following the process of matching employees to the chosen structure, the CIC conducted roadshows across all sites aimed at informing and updating employees about the process of implementation. Matching and placement letters were issued out to all employees during these roadshows. The following four categories of letters were issued to employees:

Category 1- Employees who were placed on posts that are at the same level as their current substantive posts

Category 2- Employees matched and placed on posts at a higher level than their current post as a result of the job evaluation that the DHET has conducted.

Category 3- Employees who were matched at a lower level than their current post, also as a result of the job evaluation conducted by the DHET.

Category 4- Employees who could not be placed and matched on the chosen PPN Organisational Structure.

The majority of employees across all sites have responded positively to the letters issued to them and have accepted their placement. However, a small number of employees have objected to their placement, and the CIC is in the process of addressing the objections received in order to communicate the feedback to the said employees in due course.

Most importantly, the Committee has also identified critical posts that need to be advertised, to which the necessary permission to do so has been obtained from the DHET.

I wish to extend my appreciation to the CIC for their efforts and hard work, as we are well on course in executing our mandate as outlined by the PPN Implementation Procedure Manual. The doors of the CIC remain open to engage staff on any questions and/or concerns that they may have regarding the process thus far.

AN UNQUALIFIED AUDIT REPORT FROM AGSA IT IS!

By Ms Mariette Viljoen- Corporate Communications Manager



Mr Stefan Senekal
Acting Deputy Principal: Finance

In 2014, ORBIT College became one of the first fifteen colleges in the country to be audited by the Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA). AGSA is the only institution that audits and reports on the public sector expenditure of the South African tax payers' money as expressed in Chapter 9 of the country's Constitution. The decision by DHET to include TVET Colleges in the list of institutions to be audited by the AG came after a few areas of concerns were identified in the TVET College Sector, such as lack of appropriate internal controls and adequate record-keeping, ineffective governance structures and poor risk management. From 2018 to 2020 ORBIT College could not manage to obtain an unqualified report.

However, things changed for the better with the 2021 audit, as ORBIT College received an unqualified audit report from the AGSA. The AGSA audit commenced on 01 April and was concluded on 30 June 2022. This is indeed a milestone and an enormous achievement as the unqualified audit report is testimony of the consistent hard work that was done by the ORBIT College team over the years to

improve administrative systems and ensure adherence to legislation across all areas that were audited.

Hats off to the ORBIT College team under the competent leadership of Mr Stefan Senekal, Acting Deputy Principal Finance for this outstanding achievement!

The Bigger Picture

TEAM NORTH WEST ADVANCES TO NATIONAL WORLD SKILLS COMPETITION

By Tshegofatso Rapoo-Maloyi- E-Media & Communications Administrator



The North West Province was represented by students from ORBIT, Taletso and Vuselela Colleges at the WorldSkillsZA National Skills Competition in Durban from 07 – 10 June 2022, after obtaining positions one and two at the Regional Skills Competition North West held at ORBIT College from 18 – 21 November 2021

Building up to the WorldSkillsZA National Skills Competition which took place in Durban from 07 – 10 June 2022, ORBIT College hosted of the Regional Works Skills Competition North West TVET Colleges which took place from 18 – 21 November 2022 at Brits, Mankwe and Rustenburg Campuses.

Students from ORBIT, Taletso and Vuselela Colleges showcased their skills in the following categories to compete for a spot at the National Competition:

- Pastry & Confectionery, Restaurant Services, Cooking, Heavy vehicle, Welding, and Mechanical Engineering. Venue: Mankwe Campus
- Electrical Installation, Carpentry and Bricklaying. Venue: Brits Campus
- Hairdressing, Beauty Therapy, IT network software solutions for Business and IT Network Administration. Venue: Rustenburg Campus

The four day event got off to a start with a gala dinner event at Hedgehog's Nest, Rustenburg on day one (18 November 2022) which was attended by, amongst others,

dignitaries from the Department of Higher Education and Training and the North West Regional Office. The actual competition took place over the next two days on 19 & 20 November at the various ORBIT Campuses. The event was concluded with a closing ceremony at Hedgehog's Nest, where all winners who would represent the #TeamNorthWest at the Nationals were announced.

Each College was represented by two candidates per category, and at least one Orbitant in each category managed to seal their spot to advance to the National Competition.

#TeamNorthWest headed for Durban on 06 June 2022 to compete with students from the other TVET Colleges representing the nine provinces. The team managed to walk away with position one in the IT Network Administration, Bricklaying and Mechanical Engineering, and will advance to the World Skills Competition scheduled for Shanghai China in October 2022. They were awarded gold medals.



ORBIT college Beauty Therapy student, showcasing her beauty skills at the WorldSkillsZA National Skills Competition.



Judge Sinethemba Mhlabiso pictured here with ORBIT College Culinary student Ms Gontse Ditlopo

Our appreciation goes out to the College staff members who played a major role in getting our students ready for the competitions. Congratulations to Mr O Maota, Mr M Mdingazwe, Ms R Thupana, Ms J Anderson, Mr J Munetsi, Mr B Baloyi, Mr G Matsile, Ms B Khumalo and Mr T Makhure for their exceptional roles as judges in their respective fields, at both the regional and national competitions. We also appreciate Ms T Tlhopile, Mr B Yende and Mr T Maboye, who served as observers at the National Competition.

Lastly, the College also wishes to thank and acknowledge Ms W Molapi for her hard work as the Chairperson of the Regional North West Skills Competition for the North West Province. Ms Molapi flew the ORBIT and NW Province flag high when she attended the World Skills Africa Competition, which took place in Swakopmund, Namibia from 28 March to 2 April 2022.



Chairperson of the Regional World Skills Competition North West and Mankwe Campus Manager, Ms W Molapi, represented the NW Province at the World Skills Africa Competition in Swakopmund, Namibia from 28 March to 2 April 2022.

About seventy competitors from nine African countries competed to win medals in 16 skills. Team South Africa topped the medal table with five golds, two silvers, and one bronze. They were followed closely by the host team, Namibia, who achieved three golds, one silver, and two bronze, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo who received two golds, three silvers, and one bronze. Other medal-winning teams included Rwanda (3 medals), Ghana (4 medals), Kenya (2 medals), Madagascar (1 medal), and Uganda (1 medal).



ORBIT College lecturers were selected as judges in their respective fields at the WorldSkillsZA National Skills Competition.

Front row: Beauty Therapy lecturer, Ms R Thapane.
Back row: Mr B Baloi (Report 191 ES lecture), Mr O Maota (Banqueting Officer), Mr M Mdingazwe (Report 191 ES Senior lecture) and Mr J Munetsi (IT lecturer)

Coming soon...

12-17 October 2022

Academic Matters

ORBIT TVET COLLEGE LAUNCHES ONLINE LEARNING

By Mr Phineas Nkau- Vocational Programmes Manager



Mr Phineas Nkau
Vocational Programmes Manager

It was the academic vision of the college in 2021 to realise the full implementation of a blended learning approach from 2022, ensuring that we meet the demands of a world responding to the Fourth Industrial Revolution. A big step towards this realisation has taken place. ORBIT College has officially launched a fully online learning programme. From the second Semester of 2022, a group of students will be registered for the Human Resource Management N4 programme as fully online students at the Rustenburg Campus. The college has finally responded to the demands of many students, who wish to study while at home or while at work.

Students who pursue the online learning mode of delivery will need to have access to a laptop/PC and a reliable internet connection and data, as they will need to access most of their study material through our online learning portal (<https://lms.myorbit.co.za/portal>). The students will be attending weekly online classes via the video streaming platform of Microsoft Teams. These live online classes will ensure that students receive opportunities to interact with their lecturers live, to ask questions and provide inputs on how to improve their online learning experience. They will not need to come to the college for contact classes during the semester, and will only need to go to the ORBIT TVET Rustenburg Campus to write their DHET National final examinations.

Studying fully online has been the trend in education for a while now, and the college is excited to have joined this revolution that has taken over teaching and learning around the world. Inasmuch as the COVID19 pandemic has disadvantaged a number of teaching and learning processes within educational institutions, it has also created opportunities for institutions to be innovative and creative. Our innovative and creative response to these changing and challenging times was to adopt this new online learning mode of learning delivery, as a critical step towards the realisation of the current 4IR call to have classrooms and teaching and learning processes digitized and enhanced with technology.

In preparation for offering the fully online programme, the college e-learning portal was prepared and loaded with interactive digital learning content that will be used by lecturers to offer online lessons. The content is designed to promote self-directed learning with lecturers assuming the very important roles of facilitator and mediator of learning, as they teach online. The lecturers who will be offering the fully online programme have undergone additional training, to ensure that they are more than competent and prepared to fulfil their obligation as online lecturers. They have also received training on how to create the interactive digital learning content that has to be loaded onto the portal, to ensure that students are continuously engaged.

Students enrolled for online classes will not be left to fend for themselves when they study remotely as they will also have full access to our student support services via electronic means. Contact details of student support officials and other relevant officials will be provided to students so that they do not feel excluded or isolated from the college environment as they study online.

It goes without saying that globally online studying is the current alternative learning mode that proves to be very popular among working prospective students and those who would otherwise be challenged to attend contact classes. Not only has the college received a high number of applications for the online programme on offer, but students also expressed the wish to have more programmes offered online. In order to realise the college blended learning approach to teaching and learning, additional fully online programmes will be offered from 2023, in attempts to respond to current community demands.

The future appears to require of ORBIT College to grow our online offerings, and without a doubt, we are ready to embrace this demand as an opportunity to enhance the academic principles of accessibility and life-long learning!

COLLEGE EQUIPS LECTURERS WITH ICT SKILLS THROUGH THE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF TVET COLLEGES COURSE

By Ms Tshegofatso Rapoo-Maloyi- E-Media & Communications Administrator



The College has enrolled academic staff from all three campuses (Brits, Mankwe and Rustenburg) for the Digital Transformation Implementation course. The on-site training took place in March and July 2022 respectively at the Rustenburg Campus Auditorium.

Digital transformation leads to massive changes in the skills set needed for work and life. Successful use of digital technologies is also a key factor in meeting the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals founded by the United Nations. In addition to this, teaching and learning need to address the changes and challenges brought about by the introduction of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in almost all areas. To this end, the College, through the HR Unit, has enrolled the college academic staff into the digital transformation implementation course aimed at equipping college lecturers with ICT skills for teaching technologies to adhere to the 4th Industrial Revolution (4IR) requirements in education.

The course, which is facilitated by Bank SETA and the South African Public Colleges Organisation (SAPCO), entails two days of on-site training and four days of online training (two hours per day). For the duration of the course, lecturers receive training in the following modules namely: classroom technologies, learning management, video management technologies and conferencing technologies.

The first on-site training session for the first group of lecturers took place on 30 and 31 March 2022 at the Rustenburg Campus Auditorium, while the second group received their on-site training on 20 & 21 July 2022. As Bill Gates once said: "Teachers need to integrate technology seamlessly into the curriculum instead of viewing it as an add-on, an afterthought, or an event." This is particularly true for TVET Colleges when it comes to preparing students for the present and future world of work.

Upon completion of the course lecturers will be awarded accredited certificates.



Lecturers were given an opportunity to experience how teaching in digitally enabled classrooms would be like. Pictured here: Facilitator (far left) from Bank SETA shows lecturers how to use an interactive Flat-Panel Display. The Flat-Panel Display might look like a large television screen, but it is a digital device that allows users to access their computer files and interact with them in an engaging way while also creating new content.

Academic Matters

250 GRADUATES CELEBRATED AT EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATION CEREMONY 2022

By Ms Tshegofatso Rapoo-Maloyi- E-Media & Communications Administrator



It was a day of jubilation for the 250 Early Childhood Development (ECD) graduates who were honoured during a certification ceremony that took place on 25 February 2022 at Magalies Park, Hartbeespoort.

Two hundred and fifty (250) Early Childhood Development (ECD) graduates were acknowledged and celebrated at a certification ceremony which took place over two sessions for Level 4 & Level 5 groups on 25 February 2022 at Magalies Park, Hartbeespoort. The College offered the ECD NQF Level 4 and 5 qualifications to recruited students from a number of registered Early Learning Centres across the North West Province.

The College was honoured to have Deputy Chief Education Specialist from the Department of Basic Education (DBE), Ms AK Manaiwa, as one of the esteemed guests and the keynote speaker for the day. In her address, Ms Manaiwa highlighted the importance of the ECD qualification as a building block towards an improved educational system from the foundational phase that focuses on preparing toddlers adequately for primary school education. Also in attendance was the Project Manager from ETDP SETA, Mr V Mobonelwa and Provincial Manager, Ms N Nsebe.

The project continues to serve its purpose of building educational capacity

within the North West Province. The College would like to acknowledge and appreciate the Department of Basic Education for funding the project for Level 4s, while the project for Level 5s was funded by the ETDP SETA.

ORBIT COLLEGE HOSTS FIRST PHYSICAL GRADUATION AFTER TWO YEARS OF VIRTUAL EVENTS

By Ms Tshegofatso Rapoo-Maloyi- E-Media & Communications Administrator



ORBIT TVET College held its first physical graduation ceremony after two years of virtual graduations; which saw approximately 450 graduates with National Certificates and National N Diplomas being conferred. The graduation ceremonies, which were split into three sessions, took place on 12 & 13 May 2022 at Hedgehog's Nest, Rustenburg respectively.

Two years after the Covid-19 pandemic halted their face-to-face celebrations, 313 NCV graduates came out in numbers on Thursday, 12 May 2022 to be awarded for completing their respective Level 4 qualifications; while 119 Diplomandi (Report 191 Business & Engineering Studies) were acknowledged on Friday, 13 May 2022.

Ms KR Masilo from Brits Campus, was awarded the sought-after DUX Student Award for National Certificate (Vocational) studies, for her consistent excellent academic performance in the Office Administration qualification. Ms Masilo obtained an average of 87.86% and also bagged an incredible fifteen distinctions over her three year period of study. Another Brits Campus student, Management Assistant graduate, Ms K Motlounge scooped the DUX Student Award for National N Diploma, after she achieved an average of 79.83% and an impressive nine distinctions over her period of study.

Sixteen (16) top achievers who each obtained an average of no less than 70% were also recognised and received trophies and cash prizes, courtesy of our proud sponsors, ABSA and Nedbank. The College conveys its

deepest appreciation to our partners, ABSA and Nedbank, for their generosity in sponsoring both the Top Achievers and DUX Awards. The Management and staff of ORBIT College would also like to take this opportunity and congratulate all graduates for reaching this great milestone. We wish them well in their future endeavours!



313 NCV graduates were awarded for completing their respective Level 4 qualifications during two sessions which took place concurrently on 12 May 2022



The National Diploma Top Achievers who were recognised for obtaining an average of no less than 70%. All Top Achievers received trophies and cash prizes, courtesy of our proud sponsors, ABSA and Nedbank.

Academic Matters

2021 ACADEMIC TOP ACHIEVERS HONOURED

By Ms Mariette Viljoen—Corporate Communications Manager



The 2021 Top Achievers were celebrated at a special event held on 11 March 22, at Anew Hunters Rest Resort, Rustenburg. They are pictured here with Brits, Mankwe and Rustenburg Campus Managers and Student Support Services officials.

Successful people are not gifted; they just work hard and succeed on purpose" (GK Nelson)

Friday, 11 March 2022 marked a special day on the ORBIT College calendar when the outstanding academic performance of twelve (12) top achieving students were honoured and celebrated at a special function at the Anew Hunters Rest Resort, Rustenburg. Amongst the top achievers were five NCV Office Administration, four NCV Transport and Logistics, one NCV Management and two Financial Management students, who proudly represented their respective campuses.

The function was hosted by the Academic Unit of ORBIT College under the leadership of Mr TJ Mosito, Deputy Principal Academic Programmes and Student Support Services. College partners in attendance included the

Department of Health, Higher and Higher Accounting and INSETA. Internship and work placement opportunities available to the top achievers were presented by all institutions as they shared their appreciation and admiration for the dedication and diligence displayed by the young performers. The programme also featured an inspiring message from Mr P Nkai, Vocational Programmes Manager and a message of support from Mr S Kekana, Acting Student Support Manager, after which the special achievements of the students were celebrated during a small awards ceremony.

Taking into consideration the slow economic growth and, in particular, the national youth unemployment rate that is standing at 63,9% in Q1 of 2022, it is even more heart-warming and encouraging to witness young people like these making a conscious decision to build a bright future for themselves by working hard and taking their studies seriously. These young ambassadors seem to understand the importance of active participation in education and training being non-negotiable to finding employment and achieving self-sufficiency. ORBIT College salute these bright young minds as they continue on their career trajectory by either studying further or embarking on internships or employment opportunities made available to them.



The event was fully supported by Management Board members and other college partners

ORBIT TVET COLLEGE

2021 TOP ACHIEVERS

 Jezile GT Office Administration L3 7 DISTINCTIONS	 Masilo KR Office Administration L4 6 DISTINCTIONS	 Muse ASA Management L4 6 DISTINCTIONS	 Bogatsu TN Office Administration L4 5 DISTINCTIONS
 Mabapile RMM Transport & Logistics L4 5 DISTINCTIONS	 Moerane BR Office Administration L4 5 DISTINCTIONS	 Mathe DM Transport & Logistics L4 4 DISTINCTIONS	 Moraka K Transport & Logistics L4 4 DISTINCTIONS
 Ntshhekieng TD Transport & Logistics L4 4 DISTINCTIONS	 Sekgapi LR Office Administration L4 4 DISTINCTIONS	 More LS Financial Management N6 3 DISTINCTIONS	 Segopolo TM Financial Management N6 Optained 100% in Financial Accounting N5

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Deputy Principal Academic & Student Support Services, Mr Tumisang Mosito, congratulated the 2021 Top Achievers and reminded them that there are no shortcuts to any place worth going.



Career Guidance Administrator at INSETA, Mr. B Nduli made a presentation on the opportunities available to students in growing the pool and quality of critical and scarce skills within the insurance sector

HR Matters

NEW APPOINTMENTS

ORBIT College welcomes the following new staff members to the ORBIT family! We are excited to have you on-board.



Ms LP Mokwena
Lecturer Mathematics
Rustenburg Campus
Appointed on 01 January 2022



Mr AB Mokonotela
Lecturer Mathematics
Rustenburg Campus
Appointed on 01 February 2022



Mr SN Ngidi
Lecturer Accounting
Rustenburg Campus
Appointed on 21 February 2022



Ms SH Nyide
Lecturer Tourism
Mankwe Campus
Appointed on 14 March 2022



Mr MR Mde
Lecturer Accounting
Brits Campus
Appointed on 01 May 2022

Q & A WITH RETIRED SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGER, MS ONICA SHOKO

ORBIT College bid farewell to Supply Chain Manager, Ms Onica Shoko on 30 April 2022, after 36 years of service at ORBIT TVET College. She joined the College back in 1986 before the two former Technical Colleges (Brits and Rustenburg Technical Colleges) and two Manpower Centres (Odi in Mabopane and Kudube (Temba) in Hammanskraal) were merged into ORBIT FET COLLEGE, in accordance with the Further Education and Training Act 98 of 1998.



Ms Onica Shoko
Supply Chain Manager

After the merger, she was appointed as Senior Accountant in 2006 at ORBIT College, and was later promoted to Supply Chain Manager in 2009; a post she occupied until she recently retired.

Ms Tshego Rapoo-Maloyi recently caught up with her, to find out about some of her fond memories at the College. And this is what she had to say....

Q: Share with us your most memorable moment at ORBIT College

A: Considering that I have been working for 36 years, choosing one memory would be the most difficult thing to do, as I have a lot of wonderful memories. But the one that comes to mind is when the Mankwe Campus Conference Centre was renovated, furnished and started to operate for the first time. That was definitely a 'WOW' moment for me, as I was the one planning, coordinating and making sure the job is well-executed. My task included appointing the structural engineers to review the building structure, the appointment of the contractor and the interior designer.

Q: What has been the most fun and least favourite part about your job as a Supply Chain Manager?

A: Most fun- Cooperation from the Cost Centre Managers and various relevant end- users. That always made my day!
Least favourite- End-users who would submit their purchase requests on the eleventh hour and expect the goods and services on time.

Q: What advice would you give to any young person who may want to pursue a career as in Supply Chain?

A: Build credibility over time. Do it by being consistent, show competency, commitment and concern for people. As a Supply Chain Practitioner, always aim to deliver results ethically. Deliver on time and in a cost effective manner. Most importantly, always ensure that the quantity and quality is right.

Q: Would you say we have enough women-owned businesses being considered for services?

A: I wish there were a lot more women-owned businesses that are considered for services.

Q: What will you miss the most about being part of the ORBIT family?

A: The Supply Chain Management Team! I was privileged to have a group of young people who are obedient, easy to take instructions, and always willing to learn. I love them to bits and will miss them! They truly humbled me.

Q: Lastly, what sort of activities have you 'procured' for yourself during retirement?

A: I intend to take it easy, relax and stay stress-free

Ms Shoko, thank you for the many years of dedication and hard work. The ORBIT family wishes you a blissful and restful retirement!

"WOMEN'S SOCIO-ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND EMPOWERMENT: BUILDING BACK BETTER FOR WOMEN'S RESILIENCE!"

By Ms Tshegofatso Rapoo-Maloyi- E-Media & Communications Administrator

The quote, "you strike a woman, you strike a rock," might date back to 9 August 1956 in South African history, however it is a phrase that continues to inspire and strengthen South African women from all walks of life.

Every year in August, South Africans pay tribute to the generations of women whose struggles laid the foundations for equal rights. National Women's Day, celebrated on 09 August, is a day that commemorates the resilience and strength of South African women of all races & religions and the contribution they have made to society.

This year, the country will be celebrating Women's Month under the theme: "Women's Socio-Economic Rights and Empowerment: Building Back Better for Women's Resilience! 2022 marks sixty six (66) years after more than 20 000 South African women marched to the Union Buildings on 09 August 1956 protesting against Pass Laws; however South African women still face many other ongoing challenges such as Gender-Based Violence (GBV), discrimination and harassment in the workplace, economic inequality and access to equal opportunities, to name a few. Perhaps the question we need to each ask ourselves is "What have we done to drive social change and protect women before, during, and after Women's Month?"

It is now time to empower, honour, and celebrate the strength and beauty of not only South African women, but all women! On that note, Happy Women's Day/Month to all women! Shine on! Not just today, but every day!

IN MEMORIAM

ORBIT College was saddened by the untimely passing of Rustenburg Campus Report 191 Business Studies Senior Lecturer, Mr Nathaniel Links on 06 May 2022, following a car accident. The College suffered yet another loss four days later, after the passing on of Mr Zakhariah Masilo, lecturer in Mathematics at Rustenburg Campus on 10 May 2022.

They are dearly missed. May their souls continue to rest in peace!



Mr N Links
Rustenburg Campus R191
Business Studies Senior
Lecturer



Mr ZK Masilo
Rustenburg Campus NCV
Fundamentals Lecturer

In The Fast Lane

FROM THE MARKETING & RECRUITMENT DESK

By Ms Wilheminah Modisane - Marketing & Recruitment Officer

MISSING IN ACTION? - NEVER!



Grade 12 learners of Kgatsheng-Thabiso also had their mini career day on 21 April 2022 at Tlhabane Resource Centre.

After two years of restrictions, the ORBIT College marketing team is back in action and more determined than ever to engage our community on a larger scale, leaving no stone unturned in reaching out to the public. Schools are now more welcoming in opening their gates for us to interact with their learners on a more regular basis and face-to-face marketing activities within the communities at large have also gained momentum. So to date, the feedback is really pleasing.

Career exhibitions and information-sharing sessions

The College was well represented at fourteen (14) career expos that were hosted by various schools within our catchment areas since the beginning of the year. At least twenty (20) secondary schools were reached via mini career expos, targeting mainly grade 12 learners as well as out-of-school youths. Schools that we interacted with during mini career expos included Makuka, Tshaile, Modise, Nkobong, Gaopotlake, Mochudi, Mmanape, Kgatsheng-Thabiso, JM Ntsime, Holy Family, Manamakgotha, Ramotshodi, Rethusegile, Makoba, Batleng, Freedom Park, Marikana, Matlhare Mokautu, Sunrise View and Sekete. A number of information-sharing sessions that formed part of

outreach programmes and career days for grade 9 learners were also attended. At least one career day was attended for the grade 9 learners of Matlhare Mokautu Secondary School. More grade 9 career days are expected to be hosted during the months of September & October. The ORBIT College team always support school career days for grade 9 learners as per need, as learners who have passed grade 9 are key potential students for our National Certificate Vocational Programmes.

Community outreach to NEETs market

The College marketing team also attended a career outreach programme for the unemployed and out-of-school youth of the Ledig community during which we interacted with approximately 400 of those not in Employment Education & Training (NEETs). It was quite alarming to see such a large gathering of young people from a single community who are not in education or even involved in any kind of work/training, even though institutions such as ORBIT TVET College are mandated to address these very challenges! The question remains as to why our youth are not interested in taking part in education regardless a number of non-refundable funding options being available from government.



The College also reached out to the unemployed and out-of-school youth of Ledig village during the outreach programmes on 08 March

DHET National Career Week Campaign



The College was well represented at the Youth for Rustenburg (Y4R) Skills Development and Career Expo that was organised by Rustenburg Local Municipality. The event was held at Rustenburg Old Town Hall on 24 June 2022. The target market was grade 11 & 12 learners of the following secondary schools: Freedom Park, Marikana, Sunrise View & Sekete.

The National Career Week Campaign which was an initiative of DHET, took place from 03 April to 09 April 2022. The campaign was intended to raise awareness about career development initiatives that were implemented countrywide. Offices responsible for marketing, recruitment, career guidance and Student Support Services were requested to conduct marketing outreach campaigns in communities, specifically focused on (NEET) market, as well as school learners in honouring the National Career Guidance week.

The marketing and recruitment team in collaboration with campus student support officials and community development workers (CDWs) teamed up, and ensured the success of the campaign within the ORBIT TVET College catchment areas. The main target market for this community outreach programme was out-of-school youth and unemployed youth living within the vicinity of Phokeng and Tlaseng villages respectively. Phokeng is the catchment area for Rustenburg Campus, and Tlaseng is the catchment area for Mankwe Campus. The Tlaseng session was represented by four villages within Ward 26, namely: Tsitsing, Tlaseng, Mogajana and Mamerotse. Brits Campus targeted the Madibeng catchment area by hosting at least 25 CDWs. The CDWs were tasked to source a suitable and central community venue to host information-sharing sessions. The National Career Week initiative managed to attract at least 42 out-of-school youth, sixteen CDWs, and approximately 349 learners during the

week of 03 April to 09 April 2022, which is quite an achievement if the tight timeframe is taken into consideration. As the marketing and recruitment team of the College, we will remain committed to our obligation to serve our community by bringing College information and services to the doorstep of our potential public, even if it requires the team to extend their services beyond the traditional catchment boundaries.

ENHANCING CLIENT RELATIONS MANAGEMENT FOR ORBIT COLLEGE FRONTLINE STAFF

By Ms Oratile Matlapeng – Client Relations Administrator

In order to achieve the strategic goals and targets of the College and meet SABS audit requirements, it is crucial that all stakeholders are actively involved in ensuring that external and internal clients are satisfied at all times with the standards of service delivery they are offered.

One of the strategies that the College applies to enhance client relations is the hosting of client relations support sessions for frontline staff and interns placed at reception desks. Every year the Client Relations Administrator at Central Office, Ms O Matlapeng, hosts a series of Client Relations Support Sessions across all sites, aimed at offering support and equipping staff with the necessary skills in complaints & enquiry management, telephone etiquette, and client relations management in general.

This year, the sessions that took place in July, were conducted face-to-face after two years of online engagements due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These sessions are usually followed up by ghost client engagements and mini frontline audits to check if staff and interns who attended the sessions have gained enough knowledge to put into action at their work stations on a daily basis.

These sessions have proved to be invaluable to receptionists, switchboard operators, advice desk staff and student support officials who all work with clients on a daily basis and the aim is therefore to extend these sessions to include Campus MANCO members from 2023.

In The Fast Lane

ORBIT COLLEGE FC PLAYERS CLINCH DEALS WITH PSL GIANTS

By Mr Reuben Marakalala- Media & Communications Officer



Mr Kutlwano Matjeni (ORBIT College FC player), Mr Lucky Bule (Orlando Pirates' Development Team's new signing), Mr Pogiso Makhoye (ORBIT College FC Coach), Mr Monnapule Saleng (Former ORBIT College FC player- He is currently signed to Orlando Pirates), Mr Gomolemo Khoto (Orlando Pirates' Development Team's new signing) and Mr Yanga Madiba (ORBIT College FC player).

ORBIT College is excited to announce the signing of four ORBIT College FC players to DStv Premiership giants, Orlando Pirates, Free State Stars and Marumo Gallants. Mr Gomolemo 'Giggs' Khoto and Mr Lucky Bule impressed Orlando Pirates Development Team during the Pirates U21 Cup Tournament which took place in April 2022. Their stellar performance at the tournament earned them three-year deals with the club and their first professional contracts.

Another player who impressed during trials at Marumo Gallants was Mr Kokotso More. The Club announced his signing at an event held in Sandton on 29 June 2022. In January 2022, another ORBIT College FC player, Mr Thato Ramogogodi made the College proud by clinching a deal with Free State Stars. ORBIT College FC Coach, Mr Pogiso Makhoye says he wishes the players all the best with their future endeavours!



Mr Kokotso More has secured a deal with DStv Premiership side, Marumo Gallants



Mr Thato Ramogogodi has signed a deal with Free State Stars



INTER-COLLEGE ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMPETITION

By Ms Tshagofatso Rapoo-Maloyi- E-Media & Communications Administrator



ORBIT College hosted its Inter-College Entrepreneurship Competition at Brits Campus on 14 June 2022, where students competed in the following three categories: Category 1: I have a business idea, Category 2: I have a product or service and Category 3: I have paying customers

Allan Gray Makers is currently hosting its inaugural National Entrepreneurship Inter-College Competition for student entrepreneurs to pitch and showcase their business ideas, early stage products or services or revenue generating businesses to a panel of judges in order to attract a share of R60 000 in investment funding. The Inter-College Entrepreneurship competition empowers TVET student-preneurs, from the 50 TVET Colleges in South Africa to create a culture for entrepreneurship while studying. The competition aims at exposing TVET students to Entrepreneurship as a career choice.

ORBIT College hosted its Inter-College Entrepreneurship Competition at Brits Campus on 14 June 2022, where students competed in the following three categories;



The winners of the Inter-College Regional Competition. From left to right: Mr Thato Sibanda- Brits Campus, Mr Phakiso Dithlale- Rustenburg Campus and Mr Nkosinathi Nkala- Gert Sibande College

- Category 1: I have a business idea
- Category 2: I have a product or service
- Category 3: I have paying customers

Participants were invited to submit their innovative business ideas, products or services and existing businesses to take part. They then had to register and submit their entries on the Allan Gray portal.

A total of 186 ORBIT College students registered, while 106 submitted their applications. After the screening of applications by the screening committee, thirty students were selected for the internal round. This was followed by a workshop on how to pitch aimed at preparing students for the competition. Eighteen students attended the pitch competition and judges selected two winners per category as per the competition rules, to represent the College at the regional rounds of the competition, which took place at Mankwe Campus on 22 July 2022.

Congratulations to the following regional winners:

Category 1: I have a Business Idea		
	Name of entrant	Name of business/idea
1st place	Mr Thato Sibanda (Brits Campus)	Supa Gas
Category 2: I have a Product or Service		
	Name of entrant	Name of business/idea
1st place	Mr Phakiso Dithlale	Guar'd ova (security alarm system and APP)
Category 3: I have paying customers		
	Name of entrant	Name of business/idea
1st place	Mr Nkosinathi Nkala (Gert Sibande College)	Feed All Nkosinathi Africa

The National Entrepreneurship Competition will take place in September 2022 in Sebokeng, Gauteng.

In The Fast Lane

IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE TVET COLLEGE MONTH

By Ms Mariette Viljoen, Corporate Communications Manager

On 3 February 2014, former Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Training, Mr Mduduzi Manana, launched and declared the next 10 years (2014 – 2024) as the “Decade of the Artisan” while also announcing that the month of August will be known as TVET College month. This campaign was launched due to the severe skills shortage that was experienced in the South African engineering sector, while acknowledging the vital role that TVET Colleges would play in increasing the number of students enrolled and trained in priority and critical skills areas. The importance of the campaign in ensuring that South Africa could develop the necessary artisans to successfully implement the country’s Strategic Infrastructure Projects, which includes the building of roads, schools, universities, harbours, power stations and other social and economic infrastructure was also highlighted.

We have come a long way since 2014, with TVET College month being celebrated annually in August through a host of activities aimed at promoting public TVET Colleges as institutions of choice and excellence amongst young prospective students from secondary schools while also focusing on those not in Employment, Education or Training (NEETs). The absolute relevance and dire need for qualified artisans remains the core focus of this campaign every year and with the month of August also being celebrated as national Women’s month, the added necessity of luring young, dynamic women to the TVET College sector to consider artisan development as a career option, cannot be ignored. Of the limited number of engineering professionals in the country, only a handful of these are women. Providing opportunities for females in engineering is one of the most powerful ways of harnessing this resource for the development of the country.

ORBIT College will be celebrating TVET College month 2022 with its usual flair, inviting our brilliant young minds to embrace an opportunity to enhance their employability and future career prospects by choosing to enroll at the College.



2022 Open Days

**Brits Campus
11 August**

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**Mankwe Campus
18 August**

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**Rustenburg Campus
25 August**

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09:00 - 14:00

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Celebrating TVET College Month...

It's cool to be a 21st century artisan

Community Connexions

LIVING THE DREAM THROUGH GOOD QUALITY EDUCATION

By Mr Peter Matlou- Centre for Entrepreneurship & Rapid Incubator Manager



Front row (l to r): Report 191 Engineering Studies Lecturer, Mr J Mpala and Mr X Thusi congratulate the Centre of Specialisation Students (back row) for becoming the College's first group of artisan mechanics.

The College is privileged to be part of the initiative by the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), to promote the Centres of Specialisation with investment in the programme from the (NSF), (MQA), H&W SETA, CHIETA, FP&M SETA and EWSETA.

The programme commenced in 2019, with the employers' participation in a rotational system of apprentices between the College and the employers.

Thus far the College has trained sixty learners in the Diesel Mechanic and the Electrical Works trades through this exciting project. We have been fortunate to partner with the following host employers who have been diligently attending our reference and implementation meetings, to monitor the progress of the apprentices on a regular basis: Tharisa Mining, Glencore Mining, Baloyi Master Trucks, Department of Public Works, NECSA, National African Federation of Building Industry, Ditsibi Engineering, Bell Engineering and North West Trucking.

The commitment and unwavering support received from the management of the College has resulted in the College being awarded the Trade Test Centre Accreditation for the Diesel Trade at Mankwe Campus, Mogwase. In addition to this milestone, we are proud to announce that the College has produced the first group of apprentices from Mankwe Campus who have successfully qualified as Diesel Mechanic Artisans.

ORBIT TVET COLLEGE ACCREDITED AS TRADE TEST CENTRE: OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATE DIESEL MECHANIC

By Ms Mariette Viljoen- Corporate Communications Manager

Mankwe Campus acquired the Occupational Health and Safety Certificate for the Diesel Mechanic Centre of Specialisation (CoS) workshop, while also meeting the requirements of NAMB to be accredited as a trade test centre! This is indeed a major achievement that firmly qualifies ORBIT TVET College as a serious role player in meeting the artisan development objectives of Government's National Development Plan.



Mr N. Raphunga- HoD Artisan Development, congratulates Diesel Mechanic apprentice from Mankwe Campus, Mr A Ditire for qualifying as an Artisan in the Diesel Mechanic trade.

The CoS students enrolled for the Diesel Mechanic Trade at Mankwe Campus who successfully completed their theory and practical training were able to undergo their trade testing at the Mankwe Campus CoS Trade Test Centre between 7 June and 8 July 2022. To date Mankwe Campus has managed to produce twenty (20) qualified artisans in the diesel mechanic trade! Another group of six students are currently undergoing trade testing at the Centre.

ORBIT College is looking forward to keep playing its part in by investing in the development of critical and scarce skills by producing quality artisans who are able to help grow the national economy.



One of the best performing students in Diesel Mechanics, Mr Mkhonto is now a qualified Artisan in the trade

CENTRE OF SPECIALISATION (CoS) BRITS CAMPUS ARTISAN DEVELOPMENT

By Mr Reuben Marakalala- Media & Communications Officer

The Centre of Specialisation situated at Brits Campus, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Health towards Artisan Development in the Electrical Trade. The programme, which commenced on 13 June 2022, will see twenty (20) recruited students getting upskilled in the electrical field over a three-year period. The students will also get an opportunity to write their trade tests which is the last stage in the journey to becoming a fully qualified artisan.

ORBITANT RECOGNISED AS A TOP NOTCH COMMUNITY LEADER

By Ms Tshagofatso Rapoo-Maloyi- E-Media & Communications Administrator



Rustenburg Campus Finance Economics and Accounting (FEA) L4 student, Mr Amantle Vikwane, pictured in the Kia car he won at the DStv Mzansi Viewers' Choice Awards for the outstanding work he has done as a community leader for the past 10 years

Rustenburg Campus Finance Economics and Accounting (FEA) L4 student, Mr Amantle Vikwane, has made the College proud after being announced as one of the big winners at the DStv Mzansi Viewers' Choice Awards held on Saturday, 25 June 2022 at Sun Arena in Pretoria. Amantle was awarded the 'Enriching Lives award' for his notable contribution as a community leader for the past 10 years in the community of Maumong. The award honours those who are committed to uplifting the lives of others.

It is no wonder Amantle walked away with the prestigious award after his long-standing community service which includes, amongst others, running a cultural dance group to keep children off the streets, donating clothes and sanitary pads and collecting medication from the local clinic for those in need. In addition to this, he organises events to support victims of gender-based violence and educates people about the LGBTQI+ community.

Amantle also walked away with a cash prize of R100 000 and a brand-new Kia Pegas. Mohau Mmolawa, who nominated Amantle,

received a cash prize of R 50 000. ORBIT TVET College is immensely proud of you Amantle!

Community Connexions

CENTRE FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP CALLING ON STUDENTS TO THINK BIG!

By Mr Peter Matlou- CfERI Manager



Mr Peter Matlou
CfERI Manager

It is my belief that the Centre for Entrepreneurship & Rapid Incubator (CfERI) is living up to its mission of building the entrepreneurship ecosystem in the College and within the College community. Our goal is to have as many of our young minds as possible becoming innovative and creative in the current challenging economic environment.

Staying true to our core vision of surpassing community needs, the Centre for Entrepreneurship & Rapid Incubator (CfERI) has built partnerships with two district municipalities and the Department of Economic Development (DEDECT) in the North West Province, with the aim of training and supporting eighty would-be entrepreneurs from the Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality and the Dr Ruth Mompati District Municipalities respectively. The focus of the training is enterprise development in automotive repairs and maintenance as well as entrepreneurship that includes starting and managing a new venture.

Students will be required to submit business plans to be evaluated by the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) for possible funding.

As the CfERI, our goal is to change the mind frame of students from job-seeking to job creation. With a skills programme that includes workplace training for two minds, students will have an opportunity to learn how to balance a wheel, do wheel alignment, repair a tyre and to be part of pricing for the service rendered by an enterprise.

We are grateful to companies such as Tiger Wheel & Tyre and Toyota Fitment Centre for their commitment in taking in our students to teach them the skills of the automotive trade.

The CfERI has been established for the greater ORBIT TVET College community. We appeal to all current students and graduates of the College to make use the support provided by the CfE, to start and support their business initiatives. We will soon be launching a website for the Centre where all relevant and valuable information will be shared regarding, amongst others, access to the CfE, registration and funding processes.

For more information, please get in touch with the Centre Manager, Mr MP Matlou via email at pmatlou@orbitcollege.co.za or call at 014 555 2950/ 014 594 2125. Alternatively, visit our offices at Mankwe and/or Rustenburg Campuses.

ORBIT STUDENTS RESUME PARTICIPATION IN SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURE

By Mr Stanley Kekana- Extra-Curricular Manager & Acting SSS Manager



Mr Stanley Kekana
Extra-Curricular Manager &
Acting SSS Manager

Participating in sport, arts and culture events teaches our students lessons of life, such as teamwork, accountability, self-confidence, responsibility, and self-discipline. Sport, arts and culture help prepare students to face the challenges of life and serve to enhance both physical and mental abilities of students, helping them to achieve their life goals.

CoSACSA Athletics Championships

The old English saying; "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" ceased to exist in the vocabulary of College students when COVID-19 restrictions were lifted by government. ORBIT College, as a member of College Sport, Arts and Culture South Africa (CoSACSA), re-introduced athletics as one of its sport codes for the current academic calendar and went all out to recruit athletes to form part of the ORBIT College team.

However, these activities also come at a high cost. Expenses such as venue hire, advocacy material, transport, attire and refreshments can amount to daunting figures, but this did not deter ORBIT College athletes and officials as the Inter-Campus Track & Fields Championships was hosted on Thursday, 24 February 2022 at the sportsgrounds of the Rustenburg Technical High School.

Following the Inter-Campus Championships, the College was able to register a team consisting of thirty-two (32) male and twenty-two (22) female athletes to participate in the Provincial Track & Fields Championships that was held at the NWU Kenneth McArthur Athletics Stadium in Potchefstroom. The solid performance of our athletes at provincial level secured

fourteen (14) male and eight (8) female athletes an opportunity to participate in the National CoSACSA Track & Fields Championships that was held at the Peter Mokaba Athletics Stadium in Polokwane, Limpopo Province from Thursday, 31 March – Monday, 04 April 2022. This dedicated team of young talented athletes did the North West Province proud as they managed to obtain twelve medals in total at the National Championships.

National Arts and Culture Festival

The National Arts & Culture Festival was hosted from 22 – 24 July 2022 at the International Convention Centre (ICC) in East London, Eastern Cape. ORBIT College was privileged to have ninety-two (92) students participating in an array of categories, which included male and female choirs, free style dance, drama, poetry and fine arts (pencil and charcoal drawing). A group comprising eight students from Mankwe and Rustenburg Campuses, delivered an outstanding performance, choreographed by Rustenburg Campus Report 191 Business Studies Lecturer, Mr Daniel Molefe, securing them a gold medal in the Free Style Dance Category.

Although the overall performance of the College in these national events is commendable, it is necessary to approach the participation of College students in sport, art and cultural activities of this nature, differently. At present the emphasis is on recreational participation, but this approach needs to change to a more competitive approach to improve the preparation of our students for higher level competitions.

Improved levels of support from Campus and College Management will also go a long way in building confidence amongst our student sport and cultural teams to pave the way for competing on equal footing with their counter parts when it comes to provincial and national sport, arts and culture competitions.

Remember: Champions keep playing until they get it right.



Students who represented the College at the CoSACSA National Arts & Culture Festival held at the International Convention Centre (ICC) in East London, Eastern Cape from from 22 – 24 July 2022. They are pictured here with Deputy Principal Corporate Services, Mr Solly Matjiane and Deputy Principal Finance, Mr Stefan Senekal (back row- both holding trophies)

Student Support Pitstop

SRC PRESIDENT MESSAGE OF ENCOURAGEMENT



Mr Tokollo Tlhomelang
2022 SRC President

My warmest greetings to all the students of ORBIT TVET College. On behalf of the 2022 Student Representative Council (SRC), allow me to welcome all students to the second quarter of the 2022 academic year.

As we commence with our studies once again, we will be required to be more focused and disciplined than ever. Some of us may not have started the year strong, but as the saying goes "It is not how you have started, but how you will finish the race". Always keep in mind that there is no success without struggles and that with every journey, we may encounter obstacles along the way; however it is how we respond to those challenges that will determine our end result. From time to time, we will be required to move out of our comfort zone in order to achieve good results.

I wish you all success for the remainder of the 2022 academic year.

To my fellow SRC members, let us never forget why we were elected...to instil a culture of integrity, accountability, transparency and good governance!

I thank you!

2022 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC) MEMBERS



Row 1 (left to right): Mr Tokollo Tlhomelang (President), Ms Rorisang Sehlabi (Health & Wellness Officer), Ms Mpho Sedile (Arts and Culture Office- Rustenburg Campus); Ms Ofentse Modisane (Gender and Disability Officer), Ms Lesego Mokoena (Sports and Recreational Officer- Rustenburg Campus); Ms Mmabatho Mphuthi (Arts and Culture- Brits Campus) and Ms Mpariseni Nefale (Treasurer- Brits Campus)

Row 2 (left to right): Mr Thato-o-tsele Serame (Treasurer- Rustenburg Campus), Ms Kelebogile Moraka (Disciplinary and Legal Officer), Mr Steven Mofokeng (Sports and Recreational Officer- Brits Campus); Ms Tshlidzi Munyai (Health & Wellness Officer- Brits Campus), Ms Nonkululeko Ngethu (Academic Officer-Rustenburg Campus), Ms Thobile Shabangu (Academic Officer), Ms Tholakele Mduli (PRO- Rustenburg Campus) and Mr Keabaka Mole (PRO- Mankwe Campus).

Row 3 (left to right)- Mr Tshepo Tobane (Arts and Culture Officer), Ms Nompumelele Fetile (Treasurer), Mr Neo Rammole (Deputy President), Mr Moeketsi Kabae (Deputy Secretary), Mr Legabe Mosimanegape Isaac (Academic Officer- Mankwe Campus), Mr LanceLord Magane (PRO) and Mr Omphemetse Motsepe (Health & Wellness- Mankwe Campus).

ORBIT COLLEGE STUDENTS SHOWCASE THEIR SMARTS

By Ms Oratile Matlapeng- Client Relations Administrator



The College hosted a successful College Academic Day, where students from the three campuses showcased their academic abilities in various disciplines

The Student Support Unit hosted the College Academic Day on 14 July 2022 at Mankwe Campus, after a three year hiatus. Each campus was represented by candidates who outsmarted and outwitted their fellow students from their respective campuses. Students participated in debate, public speaking, a general knowledge quiz, and Mathematics and Mathematical Literacy olympiads. Top scoring participants in each field were awarded medals and trophies. The event was also an opportunity for students to discover and showcase their academic abilities.

The programme, directed by Mr Thapelo Mahuma, Academic Lab Administrator ran smoothly, with all the participants displaying the utmost discipline and commitment. The Quiz Master, Ms Oratile Matlapeng, kept the campus teams intrigued with questions on the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) and the Internet of Things (IoT).

Well done to all the winners!



Students taking part in the Maths Olympiad



One of the participants in the debate contest stating his views on the given topic.

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THE WINNERS OF THE COLLEGE ACADEMIC DAY

Prepared Reading		
SURNAME & INITIALS	PERCENTAGE	CAMPUS
Merakeng T	90%	Rustenburg Campus
Rabele K.C	81%	Mankwe Campus
Mereyotlhe GP	79%	Mankwe Campus

QUIZ		
SURNAME & INITIALS	PERCENTAGE	CAMPUS
Nyetu NS	70%	Rustenburg Campus
Mdluli TN		
Mokoena ML		

DEBATE		
SURNAME & INITIALS	PERCENTAGE	CAMPUS
Moeketsi K	85%	Rustenburg Campus
Woko A		
Simane K		
Matiwane F		

MATHEMATICS L2 & L4		
SURNAME & INITIALS	PERCENTAGE	CAMPUS
Ndlovu PM	88%	Rustenburg Campus
Baloyi FB	77%	Mankwe Campus
Sehlabi PMA	90%	Rustenburg Campus
Mphofu BM	84%	Mankwe Campus
Mogola P	66%	Brits Campus

INNOVATION		
SURNAME & INITIALS	PERCENTAGE	CAMPUS
RAMOTSHABI R (INVENTION AND INNOVATION)	86%	Mankwe Campus
KGOSANA K (AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES)	78%	Brits Campus
SAPUDI F (INTERNET OF THINGS)	80%	Rustenburg Campus
MATJEKE D (QUANTUM COMPUTING)	78 %	Brits Camppus

PUBLIC SPEAKING		
SURNAME & INITIALS	PERCENTAGE	CAMPUS
Mmamoepea MF	95	Mankwe Campus
Kotane GK	86	Rustenburg Campus
Tiro P	85	Mankwe Campus

MATHEMATICAL LITERACY L2, L3 & L4		
SURNAME & INITIALS	PERCENTAGE	CAMPUS
Keebine GM	88%	Mankwe Campus
Musi E	76%	Rustenburg Campus
Rammole RN	94%	Brits Campus
Mokoena PE	92%	Mankwe Campus
Makhokha Z	62%	Rustenburg Campus
Mogari ON	90%	Mankwe Campus
Tlhaele K	72%	Brits Campus
Somishi D	70%	Rustenburg Campus

SRC MAKES A DIFFERENCE



The 2022 SRC, in partnership with the Amantle Godwin Foundation & Department of Agriculture, hosted a garden training session for students in preparation of the launch of a vegetable garden that the Rustenburg Campus is starting on-campus, to assist students who come from disadvantaged backgrounds. The garden will be launched during the month of August 2022.

Pic 3: Mr DST Phage- Department of Agriculture and Ms Kelebogile Moraka- Rustenburg Campus SRC member (Disciplinary and Legal Officer), hard at work

IN MEMORIAM

The College remembers Brits Campus Office Administration Level 2 student, Mr Tshepo Ramokoka, who passed away on 24 May 2022 and Rustenburg Campus Engineering Related Design (Fitting & Turning) Level 3 student, Mr Lebogang Jerome Bogopane who passed away on 29 March 2022. Our heartfelt condolences to their families and friends. May their souls continue to rest in peace!



Tshepo Ramokoka
Brits Campus
OA Level 2 student



Lebogang Jerome
Bogopane
Rustenburg Campus
ERD Level 3 student

RAMOKGADI CARE FOUNDATION COMMEMORATES MANDELA DAY WITH ORBIT COLLEGE, RUSTENBURG CAMPUS STUDENTS



Pictured here are members of the Ramokgadi Care foundation, ORBIT College students and other stakeholders commemorating Mandela Day

On Monday, 18 July 2022, the Ramokgadi Care Foundation hosted a "Matla A Rona" event for the youth of ORBIT TVET College, Rustenburg Campus in celebration of Mandela Day.

The purpose of the event was to reach out to students from the College who come from different communities in the Bojаланala District, by sharing with them opportunities that are available out there for the youth. Stakeholders also took this as their 67 minutes of giving and informing students of opportunities on how they can become entrepreneurs, how to find employment and the importance of looking after our health and as youth unemployment and crime is on a rise among our youth who are the future leaders of South Africa.

Young people are drivers of change and must be fully engaged in decisions affecting their future. Ramokgadi Foundation would like to thank Lancet Laboratories, Dr Letsie Ledimo, National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), SA Youth, Motsisi's Funerals, Godfrey Mphatswe Foundation, ORBIT TVET College, Higher Health, Mr Jacob Nyelonko, Mr Sello Ramokgadi and Mr Sizwe Makhoba for sharing words of hope and inspiration with students.

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