



11 August 2015

Thandulwazi Careers Day - Saturday, 08 August 2015

Annually, the Thandulwazi Maths & Science Academy organises two careers days for students attending the Saturday School. **National Science Week** was highlighted at the Thandulwazi Careers Day held last Saturday, 08 August, and focussed on science-related careers. Attended by nearly 400 Grade 10 & 11 Thandulwazi students from over 180 high schools across Gauteng, the programme comprised a range of speakers, including an ophthalmologist, engineer, satellite communication specialist and dermatologist, who shared insights about their courses of study, profession and the work undertaken in their fields of expertise.

In addition,

- Mr Matthew Eardley, a Physical Science teacher at St Stithians Boys' College and Thandulwazi Saturday School, set up a mini-science lab on stage and demonstrated various scientific experiments which had the students captivated.
- Students were introduced to HR as a profession by Mr Gareth Low, who encouraged students to follow the advice of Steve Jobs to "find what it is you love" and to "stay hungry and foolish" in one's career.
- Ms Rhulani Maluleka, from Hill+Knowlton Strategies, spoke about the science of communication and opportunities in the PR/communication fields for students.
- Students were briefed on the Tukkies Junior Achiever programme; bursary opportunities to study at universities in China; and Ms Phatuwani Nemakhavhani from the SAADP encouraged students to follow a career in actuarial science.
- The Standard Bank of SA has been the major funder of the Thandulwazi Saturday School for the last five years, and the closing speaker from the Bank, Mr Lwando Manyamala, an actuary by profession and former Standard Bank bursary-holder, gave students sound advice on how to achieve their career goals and make a success of their lives going forward.
- A number of tertiary institutions and companies attended the Careers Day and set up stands, where students could source information and engage with representatives about courses on offer, study opportunities, bursaries, and learnerships available.

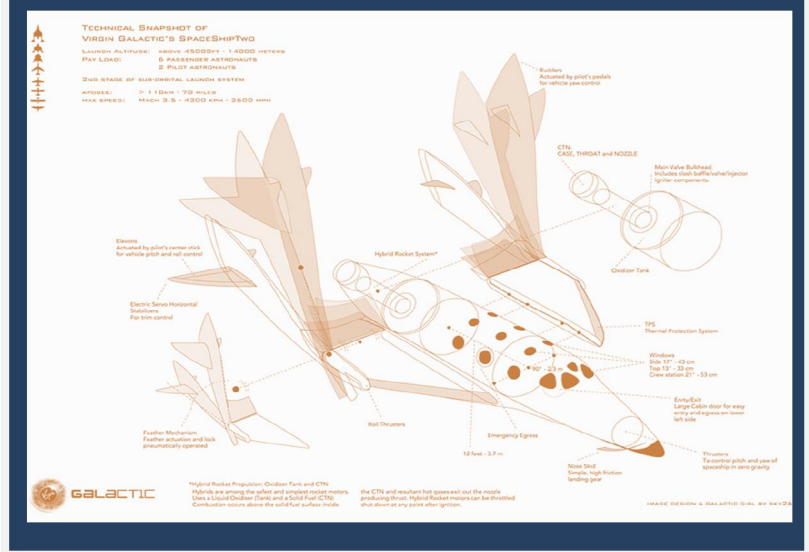
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The Thandulwazi Saturday School is grateful to the following tertiary institutions and companies that set up stands and engaged with the students about courses of study available, career and learnership opportunities in their industries/sectors:

- University of Pretoria
- University of the Witwatersrand
- Boston College
- SAADP (South African Actuarial Development Programme)
- Twenty 31 Youth Movement
- The Standard Bank of SA Limited
- ESKOM

Sincere thanks to the Resilient Property Income Fund & Siyakha Education Trust for the copies of the 2015 Career Guide provided to the students; and to Harambee for the pamphlets distributed

Mr Kevin Weinerlein, a South African engineer and future astronaut on the Galactic Unite programme, spoke about careers in the engineering sector and shared a video which introduced students to the groundbreaking work being done by Galactic Unite as it strives to make commercial space travel a reality.





Thandulwazi thanks

the following speakers for their contribution to the Thandulwazi Careers Day programme:

- Dr W T Mthembu, Ophthalmologist, Charlotte Maxeke Academic Hospital
- Mr Kenny Netshandama, Satellite Communication Technology
- Dr A Mayekiso, Dermatologist in private practice
- Mr Gareth Low, HR specialist from The Landing Space
- Ms Phatuwani Nemakhavhani, actuary with the Liberty Group and representative of the SAADP
- Mr Kevin Weinerlein, HATCH Engineering and Galactic Unite Future Astronauts' Programme
- Ms Rhulani Maluleka, Hill+Knowlton Strategies
- Mr Peter Folkard, University of Pretoria
- Mr Lwando Manyamalala, Standard Bank of South Africa Limited



The **Thandulwazi Maths & Science Academy** is an educational project initiated by the St Stithians Foundation. The Thandulwazi Maths & Science Academy was established in 2006, with the overall aim of actively improving the state of Maths and Science teaching and learning in schools in and around Gauteng. The Saints Foundation drives the fundraising for the Thandulwazi educational programmes offered. Effective 01 January 2012, the Thandulwazi Maths and Science Academy is managed by the

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