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Thandulwazi celebrates National Science Week at their Careers Day held on Saturday, 02 August 2014

In celebration of **National Science Week**, the Thandulwazi Careers Day held on Saturday, 02 August 2014, focussed on science-related careers. Attended by nearly 400 Grade 10 & 11 Thandulwazi students from over 160 high schools across Gauteng, we were delighted to share the morning with 20 students from the Tsogo Sun Arts Academy (from schools in Diepsloot and Johannesburg South).

In line with the theme, the programme included a range of speakers, including engineers from ESKOM; a SAPS forensic investigator; and the MD of Sensorome (manufacturers of fragrances, skin products and household cleaning products), who shared insights about their profession and the work undertaken in their fields of expertise. The Head of Physical Science at the Thandulwazi Saturday School (Mr Pfarelo Mphapuli) set up a mini-science Lab in the venue and demonstrated various scientific experiments which had the students enthralled. The SAPS Forensic Services Division set up an exhibit, which demonstrated some of the equipment used by forensic investigators at crime scenes.

The Standard Bank of SA has been the major funder of the Thandulwazi Saturday School for the last five years, and the closing speakers from the Bank, Ms Daisy Tlhapane and Mr Thabang Mazibu (a great supporter of the Thandulwazi Saturday School), gave sound advice to the students on how to achieve their **D-R-E-A-M** and make a success of their lives going forward.

Students were briefed on bursary opportunities to study at universities in China; and 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.



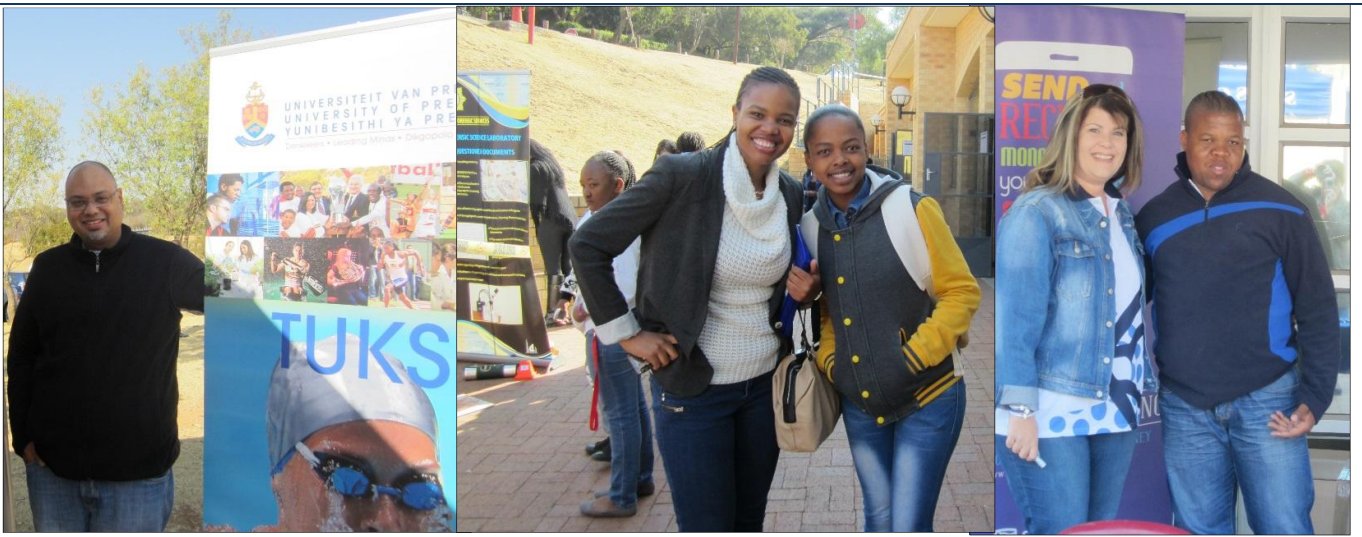
We were delighted to welcome as the key note speaker **Mr Moss Nkonyane**, Chief Director for the Johannesburg Region, from the Gauteng Department of Education. He congratulated the Thandulwazi students on their dedication to their studies; and implored learners to take their Maths and Science schoolwork seriously. Mr Nkonyane spoke about the critical skills shortages faced by South Africa and encouraged students to explore careers in Maths and Science related fields.



Thank you

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
- IMM (Institute of Marketing Management)
- SAADP (South African Actuarial Development Programme)
- The Standard Bank of SA Limited
- ESKOM



Thandulwazi would like to thank

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

- **Mr Moss Nkonyane**, Chief Director for the Johannesburg Region, from the Gauteng Department of Education
- **Ms Munene Khoza**, St Stithians Foundation Governor and Old Stithian, who was the MC for the morning and ensured that the programme ran smoothly and on time.
- **Ms Thabisa Faye** and her colleagues from the Mbewu Movement, a news strategic partnership, who spoke about the different directions that CAs/accountants can follow in the workplace.
- **Ms Mary Maunye and Mr Solly Mulaudzi**, both engineers at ESKOM.
- **Ms Elizabeth Nyathi**, provided students with insights into studying in China and the opportunities offered to African students wanting to study in that country.
- **Ms Phumi Theledi**, a Forensic Investigator with SAPS, who gave a fascinating insight into the work undertaken by the forensic services at crime scenes.
- **Mr Themba Nghalaluma**, whose company Sensorome manufactures a wide range of beauty and home care products, and relies on the expertise of staff with a wide range of skills.
- **Mr Mangi Mbileni**, for sharing his insights on seizing opportunities in the media sector and production at Afrokaans Film and TV/ VUZU TV.
- **Ms Daisy Tlhapane and Mr Thabang Mazibu**, the closing speakers from Standard Bank, who are not only great role models for the youth; but also great ambassadors for Standard Bank.



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

Thandulwazi Trust. The Thandulwazi Trust was established as a separate legal entity in October 2010. It is a registered Trust, has Section 18A tax status and is a registered PBO and NPO.

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