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**THE UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITY:  
BE A SCIENTIST PROGRAMME 2017  
UKZN: WESTVILLE CAMPUS**

The EThekweni Municipality, through the Human Settlements, Engineering Services and Transport Authority Cluster, Trading Services Cluster: Support Services Unit is mandated to implement Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) initiatives.



Through these initiatives, the plan is to collaborate with various stakeholders, partners and educational institutions to produce tertiary and career-ready learners who are equipped to meet current and future societal challenges.



The 2017 **BE-A-SCIENTIST-FOR-A-WEEK** programme was no exception. Venturing with our astute partner, the University of KwaZulu-Natal - College of Agriculture, Engineering and Science (CAES).

“Youngsters from across KwaZulu-Natal who attended the one-week programme on the Westville and Pietermaritzburg campuses during the July school holidays, were given the opportunity to meet with staff and students, view facilities, work in the laboratories, enquire about career opportunities and participate in practical's and field trips.”



be deterred in our quest of improving the our education system and results.” Mrs Naidoo said.

Manqoba Mabaso, a students from Umlazi added his voice to the chorus of praises to the EThekwini Municipality. “We’re very honored and privileged to have been invited to such an august programme. The Life of an engineer presentation from Mrs Veena Naidoo has most certainly broaden my horizon tremendously...”

The Municipality, through their Support Services Unit presented their *My Engineering World* DVD which received immense applause and positive feedback from students and parents.



Learners were thereafter ushered to the second phase of the programme for the UKZN presentation and science experiments.

Ms Veena Naidoo, Support Services coordinator welcomed the appreciation and committed herself to performing and doing more for the development and training of our students. “The various Units within the EThekwini Municipality are working around the clock to develop and uplift our communities – with our different mandates, ours (Support Services) being Maths and Science, we will not slander or

A jubilant and successful programme for students, parents and hosts.



*‘Scientists for a week’ pupils with certificates of attendance awarded by Professor Bala Pillay, Dean of Teaching and Learning in the College of Agriculture, Engineering and Science.*

