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UMLAZI DISTRICT CAREER GUIDANCE EXHIBITION: 20 – 24 FEBRUARY 2017



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In partnership with the EThekweni Municipality, The Department of Education KwaZulu-Natal recently collaborated to host the lucrative and well informative Umlazi District Careers guidance week.

The highly anticipated guidance week was attended by schools from within and surrounding areas of Amanzimtoti – the joint venture was a collaborative effort from both departments in an attempt to educate and provide guidance to previously disadvantaged schools.

The Office of the Deputy City Manager: Human Settlements Engineering & Transport Authority Cluster -Support Services Unit rolled up their sleeves in ensuring the entire week's proceedings are a success.

Hosted at Umkhumbane Community Hall (20th Feb 2017) and proceeded to the Amanzimtoti Civic centre for the remainder of the week (21 – 24 Feb 2017) – schools flocked the two venues to grasp and abstract as much knowledge as possible from all participating institutions.



Vassan Bensingh– Department of education Umlazi District



The Career guidance exhibition was hosted for grade 12 learners from the entire Umlazi District i.e. Umzinto, Umbumbulu, Chatsworth, Cato Manor and Umlazi. It offered assistance to learners in terms of guiding them when choosing their ideal careers; the right tertiary institutions for their various career choices and they were provided valuable information and motivation from distinguished career guidance office bearers from various institutions and corporates.

The Department regards education as fundamental factor in eradicating poverty, crime and drug abuse in our societies – the week long exhibition aimed at enticing students to explore the various opportunities, tertiary requirements, alternatives if they can't enter into universities and bursary/internship offerings. It is very important that learners are fully informed about career choices before taking steps towards choosing which career they will embark on.

An estimated 10 200 learners/students attended the career exhibition – a truly remarkable margin when comparing to previous years.

Mantra by the Department of Education:

Appropriate and exemplary Career Guidance and Counselling. Emphasis on recurrent pursuit to shape future generation, thus building the nation.

Exhibitors:

Exhibitors arrived at both venues at 8h00am and departed at the end of the last session – allowing students to roam around the exhibition centre freely. They provided dynamic, enriching and rewarding information and motivation; as well as guidance for the learners along with the educators.

Exhibitors that attended the Career Guidance Week:

- University of KwaZulu-Natal
- Thekwini City College
- Mangosuthu University of Technology
- Boston City Campus
- Oval International School
- Central Technical School
- Berea Technical College
- ICESA
- Rosebank College
- Coastal College
- MANCOSA
- Richfield Institute of Technology
- Damelin College
- Careers 2000 College
- Durban University of Technology
- Gateway College
- CAO
- KZNYouthinternationals
- Agric & Rural Development – Vet
- Milpark School of Commerce
- Department of Water and Sanitation



opportunities to the in-service training that EThekwini offers to high-flying learners. The learners were encouraged to consider engineering as a career choice as the Unit and the City work tirelessly to eradicate the shortage of scarce skills professionals within our Municipal area.



The Office of The Deputy City Manager HSET: Support Services Unit played an instrumental role throughout the week and was a part of the exhibiting team for the entire week. The learners were informed of numerous opportunities which EThekwini Municipality offers to the youth of the City from the bursary

Motivational Speakers:

- Ms C. Gumede – TVET Colleges
- Mr S. Kheswa – UKZN
- Mr M. Zulu - DUT
- Ms. Nomasonto – Private Colleges
- Mr A. Blose – MUT

Mr S. Kheswa - UKZN is a renowned and experienced motivational speaker, who also shared fundamental points with all students in attendance. He delivered inspiring messages to matriculants throughout the week; touching on 4 main focus points to reach maximum distinctions to secure a place to study at the best tertiary institutions. *Perseverance & persistence, maximising your potential, decision to change and the power of positive thinking.* The pupils left the talk pepped up and encouraged to realise their full potential. The educators were enthusiastic about the impact that the career expo had on their children.



Mr M. Zulu -DUT Encouraged learners to work hard in their matric year, to commit themselves to the secondary school improvement programs such as this. He highlighted the importance and benefits of excelling in every learner's matric. "This year will no doubt be your toughest year yet, so it's critical that you put your best foot

forward and give it everything you've got" he said.



The career exhibition provided an opportunity for learners to interact with exhibitors from a range of higher learning institutions, government agencies and corporates. They were given an opportunity in between sessions to ask questions and find out about what different careers really entail.

Various tertiary institutions, bursary and scholarship schemes and SETAs had stands and gave presentations to learners. They were handed out information brochures, prospectus as well as the CAO application forms to apply at their desirable higher learning institutions. Overall, it was a great annual Grade 12 Career Guidance exhibition event for the Department of Education KZN and the Career Guidance and Counselling team.

