



# TALETSO TVET COLLEGE UPDATE!

*"A YEAR OF EXCELLENCE"*

SPECIAL  
EDITION



*"Embracing the future of technology"*

*"Growing skilled people for a better future"*



Welcome to the 3rd edition of TIt Update. Putting this publication together has been quite the Journey! I would like to take this moment to thank my Marketing and Communications team for their hard work and commitment, and heartfelt gratitude to all of our colleagues who contributed to the publication.

This special edition is put together in two parts, first part being highlights from the previous year and the 2nd part reflecting the first half of this year, 2023.

The past year has been a year of learning, rebuilding, and growth, which is worth revisiting from time to time, to be reminded of the teachings that have come with it, good and bad. What I call a very personal year!

It is with great pleasure to bring you our very first update publication of the year, which is intended to remind you of how far we have come, the big and small achievements we have accomplished as an institution, I hope you are inspired, enjoy the read!!

Signed

GD Medupe- Communications Officer

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# FOREWORD

**A warm and enthusiastic welcome to all our students and Staff.**

It is that time of the year again when we need to take stock and reflect on the 2022 Academic year. I very much hope that you will take a step back and be proud of your achievements, to take a moment, maybe two, to celebrate your success. You have every right to do so. Thank you for being part of Taletso TVET College where **SUCCESS IS NOT AN OPTION...BUT AN EXPECTATION**. You are truly on the path to greatness. Success likely won't come overnight, so keep your goal in sight and keep moving forward -- no matter how slowly. *Always move forward*



**Mr. MZ Nkomo - College Acting Principal**

No one enjoys planting season – it's a lot of work, but we all look forward to the harvest season. Unfortunately, there is no harvest without hard work.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of Taletso TVET College, to convey deep regards and hearty thanks to all our staff and council members for your hard work, commitment, and dedication to the success of this institution. Indeed, it will be remiss of me to not acknowledge and salute you! Your collective efforts in pursuit of excellence made us a winning team! You served Taletso TVET College with distinction in 2022.

Congratulations to the Class of 2022. Our well wishes are always with you. Go and earn a name and come back to tell us your success stories.

Paulo Coelho reminds us that “No matter what he does, every person on earth plays a central role in the history of the world. And normally he doesn't know it”.

I salute our outgoing 2022/2023 SRC for their exemplary leadership and dedication. You aptly demonstrated that indeed our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.

Haile Selassie reminds us that “throughout history, it has been the inaction of those who could have acted, the indifference of those who should have known better, the silence of

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the voice of justice when it mattered the most, that has made it possible for evil to triumph".

If you are in a leadership position at Taletso TVET College, please don't compromise on deliverables! Always remember that the reason why people are upset about "things that are not working" is precisely because those who are entrusted with the responsibility to make them happen chose to be nice so that they can be liked, rather than hold people accountable, so please do the right thing! Deliver! hold those who report to you accountable to deliver on their responsibilities. Of course, they won't like it, others may call you names or say you are difficult to work with. Remain free spirited and keep demanding delivery! It's about time we end mediocrity in the public service. We insist that you should be obsessed with getting things done and a strong bias for action. **Our clients and stakeholders deserve better!**

In the midst of it all, we should be alive to the reality that "INERTIA", *in physics*, is the resistance of any physical object to a change in its speed or direction. It is directly proportional to the mass of the object. The

law of equilibrium in chemistry states that if a system in equilibrium is disturbed, the system will always oppose the disturbing factor. It therefore follows that any form of change in the status quo prompts an opposing reaction in the responding system. In his first book, True Dreams do Come True, Dr. Tibane writes "You cannot climb the ladder of success dressed in a costume of failure. By costume, I don't mean the physical clothing, but the attitude you put on. A negative mental attitude is a costume of failure".

It has become very necessary and urgent that the college implements a change management process. This is a necessary irritation we all have to endure and embrace. It is inevitable! An entire renewal is needed - a proper reset button. A lot of work needs to be done and sadly no amount of PR exercises is going to change this!

"SUCCESS IS NOT AN  
OPTION...BUT AN  
EXPECTATION"



Allow me to share a well-known interesting story with all our lecturing Staff:

*An old man meets a young man who asks:*

*"Do you remember me?"*

*And the old man says no. Then the young man tells him he was his student, And the teacher asks:*

*"What do you do, what do you do in life?"*

*The young man answers:*

*"Well, I became a teacher."*

*"ah, how good, like me?" Asks the old man.*

*"Well, yes. In fact, I became a teacher because you inspired me to be like you."*

*The old man, curious, asks the young man at what time he decided to become a teacher. And the young man tells him the following story:*

*"One day, a friend of mine, also a student, came in with a nice new watch, and I decided I wanted it.*

*I stole it, I took it out of his pocket.*

*Shortly after, my friend noticed his watch was missing and immediately complained to our teacher, who was you.*

*Then you addressed the class saying, 'This student's watch was stolen during classes today. Whoever stole it, please return it.'*

*I didn't give it back because I didn't want to.*

*You closed the door and told us all to stand up and form a circle.*

*You were going to search our pockets one by one until the watch was found.*

*However, you told us to close our eyes, because you would only look for his watch if we all had our eyes closed.*

*We did as instructed.*

*You went from pocket to pocket, and when you went through my pocket, you found the watch and took it. You kept searching everyone's pockets, and when you were done you said 'open your eyes. We have the watch.'*

*You didn't tell on me, and you never mentioned the episode. You never said who stole the watch either.*

*That day you saved my dignity forever. It was the most shameful day of my life.*

*But this is also the day I decided not to become a thief, a bad person, etc. You never said anything, nor did you even scold me or take me aside to give me a moral lesson.*

*I received your message clearly.*

*Thanks to you, I understood what a real educator needs to do.*

*Do you remember this episode, professor?*

*The old professor answered, 'Yes, I remember the situation with the stolen watch, which I was looking for in everyone's pocket. I didn't remember you, because I also closed my eyes while looking.'*

*This is the essence of teaching:*

*If to correct you must humiliate; you don't know how to teach."*

May we serve with humility and compassion in 2023!

As I conclude, I wish to implore all of us to embrace the following wise words of our former statesman, President Thabo Mbeki "Those who complete the course will do so only because they do not, as fatigue sets in, convince themselves that the road ahead is still too long, the inclines too steep, the loneliness impossible to bear and the prize itself of doubtful value" welcome to a year of excellence.

**Godspeed!**

## Setting the tone, 2023 a Year of excellence.

Celebrating achievements and milestone, what better way to set the tone for the year of excellence. Taletso Tvet College hosted achievers' awards for campuses, Recognizing commitment, passion and drive.

The award ceremony can be described as a token of approval and gratitude for the good work that each employee has put in towards the growth of the institution.



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## Foreword Council Chairperson.

Welcome to the 2023 academic year. It is with great excitement that I heartily welcome our new and returning students, management, and staff of TALETSO TVET College on behalf of Council. The new year shall indeed be a year of conquest and greater exploits as we look forward to making more giant strides and breaking new grounds.

To the new cohorts of 2023, we welcome you to this exciting new chapter of your life and hope that this will be an enriching experience as you will embrace the new learning experiences, ideals and challenges that awaits you. We are excited that you have chosen TALETSO as your academic home.

Taletso offers a holistic learning experience. Your learning will not only be limited to knowledge and skills required by the economy but should also contribute to developing thinking citizen who can function effectively, creatively, and ethically as part of the democratic society.

Our teaching and non-teaching staff are your greatest resource. We are confident that they will provide a conducive and supportive environment for you to sharpen your knowledge in your respective fields and be able to grow and develop intellectually. They will challenge you, guide you and open doors to new possibilities. On your part learn to ASK questions, uphold discipline, work honestly SMART, be positive in thinking and



**Ms NB Nomnga -College Council chairperson**

visualize more successful outcomes in meeting your career aspiration.

College years can be the best time of your life if you can just remember that the key is to “balance” education and fun. A TALETSO graduate should leave the college not only with a valuable qualification, but also with exciting memories of the student experience – orientation, sport and cultural activities all contribute to later success and life satisfaction.

The College Council commits to sound governance principles and practices, thus prioritizing and encouraging internal and external stakeholders to effectively engage and work collaboratively in the College activities and make 2023 the best year ever experienced. Thank you and best wishes for the 2023 academic year.

# 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

## APPOINTMENT OF NEW CAMPUS MANAGER.

Asked about his vision for Mahikeng Campus, newly appointed Campus manager Mr Phiri emphasised his goals: academic growth, student and staff life, and above everything to improve passing rates! **Let's get to know him better.**

"I matriculated at a school called Maphira dira somewhere in the district of Rustenburg as it was regarded then, the year was 1991. I then went to a college called Lehurutshe around 1993, where I completed my Tertiary Education Diploma in 1995. I started working in 1996, at a school called Maphira dira, the same school I matriculated at. I stayed with the school for a year, then left to join a school called Kagiso Barolong in the rural areas of Mahikeng. I worked there for a number of years before I went on to join a school called Boitsenape in the early 2000. After some years with the school I went to Johannesburg and joined Diepsloot secondary, I became HOD for the department of Maths and science for 3 years.

I was later invited to join Taletso in 2013, where I was teaching Maths and Maths Lit at Lichtenburg Campus. In 2016 I joined Taletso Mahikeng Campus, fast forward to 2021/22 a post for Campus Manager was advertised, I applied and went for the interview and later received a call informing me about my appointment for the position of Taletso TVET College Mahikeng Campus Manager"

Mr Phiri further explains that for him the teaching and learning space is a purpose he has always felt the need to fulfill. He chose to be a teacher because of his need to develop the African Child, to see the African child be innovative and one of the best in the world " After receiving my tertiary qualification I could have been anything else, I could have joined any other institution with maths and science outside of teaching, but I chose the space of education to develop an African Child. Historically we never had many opportunities, that we in today's time create for our students" the mission is clear and the tone is set, We are excited to see the implementation of the vision Mr Phiri has for Taletso TVET College Mahikeng Campus.





# PRIDE IS EVERYDAY!



## Taletso TVET College Pride wall unveiling.

On the 26th of November 2022 Taletso TVET College unveiled the first of its kind LGBTQIA+ pride wall at Mahikeng Campus in Partnership with the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development.

The event that was set to kick off in the early hours of Saturday morning, started a few shy hours late due to unforeseen circumstances as explained by a member of the organizing team. Despite the challenges faced, the event eventually started, and message of the day was delivered!

The day kicked off with a colour run/walk, followed by the main event which led up to the unveiling of the wall. The staff and students were welcomed officially by Mahikeng Campus Phiri, who opened the floor for the purpose of the day delivered by Student Support Service official Ms Khumo Merafe, Who then introduced us to our guests of the day.

Finance Manager Mr Sebaetse on behalf of the College management, Anele from gay umbrella who spoke on LGBTQIA+ rights, the importance of being comfortable and unapologetic about who you are, they further went to share their lived experiences as a transgender woman in South Africa.

The stage was then taken by HIV/AIDS awareness activist Mr Jack Mokgothu who explained the importance of learning instead of stigmatizing, to seek help and counseling and to remember that HIV is but a virus, not a death sentence.



The last Speaker, Advocate Mafilika from the Department Of Justice and Constitutional Development informed the audience about the different services offered by their Department in Support of LGBTQIA+ rights and GBV victims.

Once all the formalities were set and done, the crowd moved to the area of the Pride wall which is in front of the student hall under the guidance of the MC of the day Keaoleboga Musi, for the moment everyone had been waiting for, the unveiling under the theme **"Pride is everyday"**!

It is no secret that the LGBTQIA+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, Plus) members of our different Communities experience discrimination, prejudice, stereotyping and violence on a daily basis based Solemnly on their sexual Orientation and identity. Taletso TVET College recognizes and acknowledges the LGBTQIA+ community in our institution, it is a priority to create a safe and inclusive space for Learners and staff who identify as LGBTQIA+.

The pride wall is a representation of the LGBTQIA+ community on our campus, equally a clear message to represent who we are as an inclusive institution. We have created and continuously thrive to maintain a safe space where individuals

are free to express themselves and be who they are, a space where the LGBTQIA+ community is understood, seen, and heard.

At the end of the unveiling SRC Chairperson Ms Boitshepo Raditsebe thanked Management, Student Support, Department of Justice and Constitutional Development provincial task team, SRC, the LGBTQIA+ Committee and community, and the student population in general for their presence in support of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Taletso TVET College stands against homophobia and Injustices towards the LGBTQIA+ community. Stand Inclusive!





# FIX FORWARD

Developing future entrepreneurs and employers is a priority to Taletso TVET College, our training-based courses do not only equip our students with skills to do the work but also arms them with the ability to lead.

Funded by Nedbank, Taletso TVET College has partnered with Fix Forward under The Enterprise Development Project to identify graduates from the institution who will be assisted with the necessary resources for their entrepreneurial Journey.

“Apart from training or coaching beneficiaries /Entrepreneurs Fix forward will offer amazing opportunities for tradesmen to upskill themselves and their businesses. The potential entrepreneurs

everything from marketing and quoting to financial management and customer relations.



They will also get to participate in monthly group workshops for six months, where they will share learning experiences with each other on the themes of their training”  
Fix Forward.

The Launch of Fix Forward Entrepreneurship project took place on the 06th of October 2022 under the facilitation of Mr Sello Musi Business Development and Innovation (Taletso) and Mr Danie Jacobs Fix Forward, where a total number of 30 beneficiaries and 5 officials gathered to kick start the project which will continuously serve graduates of the institution.



get access to Fix Forward e- learning platform with 11 entrepreneur development modules that cover



## Work Based Exposure, an ongoing project!

Taletso TVET College continues to place its students in different work fields to acquire a much-needed experience in the work environment.

In their 2022 September placement, Work Based Exposure (WBE) team managed to place a total number 83 students and 4 of Mentors. WBE is a project initiated by DHET to expose all NCV Students in the exit level across all programmes to a real work environment.

Mafikeng Campus took an initiative of placing Level 4 students as prescribed by Department of Higher Education and Training, explained by WBE administrator Mr Mmatladi.

The placement cycle took place as follows.

### Programme Number of students Placed

Electrical Engineering:18

Hospitality:19

Civil:27

ERD:09

Management:10

Number of Students:83

Number of Mentors:4

Host Employers: Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality, Lewatle Guest house, Protea Hotel, Corner life café, Beehive Catering, Taletso TVET College Mafikeng Campus, Mafikeng Re engineering

### Hospitality Students

Hotel Keeping and Management  
Kitchen Management and cooking

Table preparation

Practical serving of guests

### ERD Students

Dismantling of engine completely and assemble it from scratch.

Minor Service

Replacing warn out brake pads

### Civil Students

Paving

Erecting resting benches for students at campus square

### Electrical Engineering Students

Identification of all electrical faults in all the classes and offices at Mafikeng Campus

Fixing all the plugs which malfunctioned previously

Replacing all the warn out bulbs

“Workplace-Based Experience plays an essential role in preparing students for employability.

It provides students with an understanding of the nature of the workplaces in their chosen field of training and builds their capacity to apply their college learning in the context of real workplace operations. In addition, it provides workplace-relevant social and communication skills, which enable students to effectively work in teams and engage with customers. Workplace experience is also a key ingredient in graduates being able to start and succeed in their own business ventures.” Mr Mmatladi.



# FROM POINT A TO B! PROCUREMENT OF NEW VEHICLES BY FLEET DEPARTMENT



On the 27th October 2022 the transport department received FOUR vehicles to add to existing college fleet, a happy moment for the institution as this will ease the burden of the shortage of vehicles.

Our Management, Staff, SRC and Students in different department must constantly travel for various reasons such as meetings with current and prospective stakeholders, academic and recreational activities, marketing, site evaluations.

The transport department is dedicated to ensuring that the institutions personnel travel needs are taken care of. Bearing in mind the following procedures to be followed to obtain or drive our vehicle.

1.All drivers or users of our vehicles must have valid drivers license/ Pdp for Quantum.

2.Booking for a vehicle be done in advance to ensure availability and road worthiness of the vehicle

3.Trip Authorities to be completed and approved by the relevant Manager/Supervisor before the trip.

4.Destination and passengers to be filled correctly

5.Then the Pre-inspection commence

6.Post inspection to be done at the end of the journey responsible person would be the driver and transport office or official appointed to do so.

7.Any malfunctioning to be reported on the post inspection.

8.Keys and petrol card to be handed back to the Transport Officer.



# COSACSA BALL GAMES 2022

Taletso TVET College took part in the 2022 CoSACSA ball games. In preparation for the competition, our 3 Campuses went head to head in a inter campus elimination round on the 30th of August 2022 to form solid teams composed of students from all 3 sites to represent the school in Soccer, Volleyball, Chess, Table Tennis and Basketball at the provincial eliminations.

The Provincial CoSACSA ball games elimination took place on the 3rd of September 2022 where Taletso TVET College took on Orbit TVET College and Vuselela TVET College at Orbit Mankwe and Royal Marang. Our College was adequately represented by our very passionate and talented students, following this, The national CoSACSA ball games took place from the 21st to the 25th of September 2022 at Tshwane University of Technology, Spirits were high as we were represented in the majority of the sporting codes.

In the end, Eastern Cape took the 2022 Province Champions Trophy home. Well Played! to the rest of the competitors who gave it their all, we are all winners!

Taletso TVET College Wishes to take this opportunity to encourage students to take part in sports and recreational events, this is a great platform to explore yourself beyond the borders of academia.

# EXHIBITIONS: TALETSO, A FIRST CHOICE INSTITUTION



Exhibitions provide a perfect platform for institutions to attract prospective students, potential Stakeholders and partners, but most importantly provide a much needed platform for information dissemination to our communities.

Learners in our communities are often faced with challenges such as internet connection, and that is on surface level, information will from time to time reach them late if never. Career days, exhibitions and other initiatives of this nature gives students a chance to ask in-depth questions about careers that might have sparked their interest and further introduces them to more career paths.

In such events our officials engage learners and members of the community on the different courses we offer, the opportunities and possible line of work. It is important to make informed Subject decisions and career choices.

In this past year our Marketing and Career guidance team visited various schools and honored invitations to exhibitions in different communities with the main purpose of showing our prospective students the accessibility of education.

## MANUAL TO ONLINE SYSTEMS

The world is fast moving and forever evolving. Technology has in many ways made it easy and convenient to communicate, perform tasks and have a footprint in places you have never been. while manual systems have worked in the past, it was time to move with the times!

Taletso TVET College opened online Offsite/Onsite Applications in September 2022, with the aim of reducing core common problems in the applications process such as data entry, document collection, verifying, qualifying, and data storage.

The online system, even with certain complexities has made the application process to a huge extent easy to navigate, secure and has maximized convenience and availability as it is not limited to working hours.

Applications are now a click away!

3 easy steps to Apply:

Click on [www.taletso.edu.za](http://www.taletso.edu.za)

Click on New/ Returning Students

Start your application process!



# A YEAR OF EXCELLENCE!

# CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2022/23

Congratulations are in order to the class of 2022/23, indeed you have reached a milestone. While graduation marks an end of an era, it simultaneously marks the beginning of new possibilities and opportunities.



You have done it! you won! carry the fire you had through out your studies in to your every day lives and let it inspire you.



Taletso TVET College Graduation ceremony hosted at Mmabatho Convention Centre.

19 May 2023





the main purpose of OHS is to ensure compliance with all OHS Legislative Requirements and Regulations as well as Standards applicable to TALETSO TVET COLLEGE, to ensure a safe working environment that is free from health and safety risks to all employees, students as well as any person(s) providing any form of service as required by the institution and to set specific objectives for managing health and safety.

## **Occupational Health Safety: Status report by Mr Gaobuse**

The College recognizes and accepts its moral, legal and economic responsibility as an employer for providing a safe and healthy workplace, and environment for all of its employees. These includes improvements in productivity, competitiveness, and the quality of life of the employees.

The effective management of many health and safety hazards will contribute to improved productivity of employee and student's safety.

The effective control

of source of hazardous substances in workplaces will also improve levels of health and safety of employees, and students and minimize adverse environmental impact.

In support the College's Vision and Mission

To achieve the purposes of OHS, the College has embarked on implementing OHS Management System. Since the inception of the OHS Unit the following have been achieved:

- a)OHS Strategy has been compiled.
- b)Appointment of OHS Reps.
- c)Completion of Delegation of Authority as per Section 16(2) of OHS-Act 85 of 1993.
- d)Consolidation and approval of OHS Risk Register.
- e)Compilation and approval of OHS Policy Statement.
- f)Review and consolidation of OHS Policies and Procedures.
- g)Conducted Fire and Emergency



implementation of OHS Management System plays a central role to manage and prevent accidents, ill health, diseases at work and limitation of adverse effects that might impact the reputation of the College at large. Hence, working together towards the achievement of health and safe working environment is highly encouraged.

a) Preparedness with Fire Department Officials in the College.

The consolidation and implementation of OHS Risks Control and Mitigation is currently underway. Inductions to all employees on OHS is also being carried out as well as inspections. OHS training needs have been identified and submitted to the Training Unit. Training rollout schedule still to be finalized.

Working environment can have positive or negative long-term effects on employee health. It is increasingly an important aspect of health and safety to ensure that risks to all physical or mental health are identified and controlled. When a workplace is safe and employees see that their well-being respected, it is likely to improve morale and support other human resource policies. The

## WORLD SKILLS

Taletso for WorldSkills Applications 2024 competition.

Taletso WorldSkills coordinator Mr. Collins Ngomane together with National Gold medalist Rebecca Tshuma who represented South Africa at the World Skills Mechanical Engineering (CAD -Computer Aided Design) Competition finals which took place in France visited Campuses to encourage students to apply for the WorldSkills 2024 competition.

The WorldSkills competition aims to bring excitement to the artisan industry in South Africa by exposing our communities to engineering on a bigger scale, to encourage more young people from high schools, tertiary institutions such as TVETS, and unemployed youth to see artisan careers as a career of choice to help fight the skills shortage in South Africa.

# INFRASTRUCTURE WITH MRS ABIGAIL

Quality infrastructure should address the short-term and long-term needs of the institution and its stakeholders.

Realizing the value of quality infrastructure is one of the most important factors in creating an environment that is conducive to excellent learning and teaching. Furthermore, good training and learning activities within the college depend on the facilities being maintained properly and will undoubtedly play a key role in enhancing the learning environment in Taletso TVET College.

Ensuring the efficient delivery of projects

Good governance is the major reason why infrastructure projects succeed in meeting their time frame, budget and service delivery objectives. Therefore, the development, control and management of budgets for the various construction and maintenance programs on college sites will be vital to help save time and money throughout the duration of the projects.

Quality Assurance

Quality assurance is an essential part of any successful building process. As the Assistant Director: Infrastructure, Facilities Development & Maintenance, it will be my duty to take the extra steps to ensure that quality standards are met, as well as



Mrs Abigail Sehole

ensuring that risks associated with the outlined projects can be managed more effectively and efficiently. In addition, this will assist the college in avoiding costly repairs and overall delays on construction projects.

Higher Health  
Activations





# EMBRACING THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION



## TALETSO TVET COLLEGE, MAHIKENG CAMPUS - Embracing the Future of Education

A remarkable event unfolded today at Mahikeng Campus as a cutting-edge Tech-Savvy Lab and Classroom were unveiled, ushering in a new era of learning. The college's student population will now have the privilege of immersing themselves in a fully digitized environment, aligning with the Department of Higher Education And Training vision of a future-class today.

Despite being under the weather, Mr. Mojafi, the Deputy Principal Academic, graced the occasion and expressed his delight at the prospects this advancement holds, urging the campus management to safeguard this legacy for current and future students.

In his address, Mr. Mojafi called upon the campus management to seize this opportunity and protect the invaluable gift bestowed upon them. He acknowledged the dedication of the sponsors and lecturers, whose unwavering commitment brought this transformative project to fruition.

Mr. Phiri, the Mahikeng Campus Manager, graciously extended his gratitude to the sponsors and lecturers who demonstrated unwavering dedication and enthusiasm in bringing the project to fruition. Recognizing the immense value they brought to the endeavor, he expressed heartfelt appreciation for their tireless efforts and unwavering support.



Their collective zest and unwavering commitment played a pivotal role in transforming the vision of a state-of-the-art Tech-Savvy Lab and Classroom into a tangible reality. Mr. Phiri's acknowledgment further underscored the collaborative spirit that propelled this remarkable achievement, setting a shining example for future initiatives within the college.

Representing the sponsors, FASSET & IT MASTER, Mr. Thato Modise (FASSET) expressed gratitude to Taletso TVET for embracing the opportunity presented when the National Minister of the Department of Higher Education and Training, Dr. Blade Nzimande, invited SETAs and ICT agencies to participate in similar initiatives. Taletso was prepared for this momentous occasion, and Mr. Modise optimistically anticipated more opportunities on the horizon.

Ms. Teffo, Head of the Business Studies department, stood in the midst of this significant milestone for her department. Emotionally moved, she emphasized how long-awaited this opportunity had been and acknowledged its profound impact on the institution's present and future. Ms. Teffo wholeheartedly expressed her gratitude to everyone involved for making this achievement

a reality.

Mr. Tshepo Moremi, the Acting IT Manager, played a pivotal role in bringing all the elements together. He echoed his appreciation to both the college management and sponsors for their collaborative efforts, making this state-of-the-art facility possible. Looking ahead, Mr. Moremi expressed his hopes for further digitized classrooms, while encouraging lecturers and students to embrace the new facility in the interim.

The unveiling of the futuristic Tech-Savvy Lab and Classroom at Mahikeng Campus signifies Taletso TVET College's commitment to providing cutting-edge education, preparing students for the challenges and opportunities of the future. With this transformative leap, the institution has solidified its position as a beacon of progressive learning and innovation.



# SSS ACTIVITIES

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



Taletso TVET College formed part of the Northwest team that represented the Province in the national CoSACSA Arts and Culture competition hosted in Bloemfontein from 30 June to 4 July 2023.

The team represented North West in Drama, Choral Music, Dance and Poetry. Hand in hand with our sister colleges, Vuselela and Orbit TVET College, the province took home the title of overall winner of the competition!

**SSS meets with Management, NSFAS, satvetsa and DHET in a strategic meeting for Student funding.**





# FROM THE CLASSROOM TO THE FIELD WITH KOKETSO KAMANGA

of Civil Drawing and that of other Trades, I found myself enjoying civil Drawing more than any other subject I have ever done and that's where my love for Civil Engineering began.

We would be given Projects where we would be required to design plans and while at it I would also do research for inspiration, what I would come across while at it intrigued me and I then decided to do Civil Engineering after my Matric.

I then applied at Taletso TVET College, I got accepted and did my N1- N6 with the institution. The road was not an easy one because there were some obstacles along the way. My passion and determination is what kept me going until I completed my course and graduated in May 2023.

Engineering generally has in the past been a male dominated field, it does get scary and overwhelming at times as we come across people in the field who see us as females first, before they see and a

My name is Koketso Onalenna Kamanga, a 24 year old from Montshiwa in Mafikeng. I went to Boitseanape Technical Secondary School, where I was exposed to Engineering Trades, by then I was not sure on what subjects I wanted to do because I had thoughts of transferring to a science school.

In the year I was to do my Grade 10 I was fortunately not able to go through with the transfer even though it felt unfortunate at that moment, what happened was, I had to choose subjects based on what was there at Boitseanape, but because I made my decision late and the trade was already full, only Electrical and Mechanical engineering subject I were left so I chose electrical.

As part of the program we then had another Subject **\*Engineering and Graphics Design\***, where we would do part



acknowledge us a engineers who are capable.

At the Moment, I am in a Bricklaying Apprenticeship program which I applied for at Taletso TVET College and was one of the 20 students who were Chosen for the project. It is a 3 year program where we do in service training in the trade, After 36 Months we will go for trade tests which will qualify us to be Artisans.

The work environment has it's up and downs. The downs mostly being your capability being questioned because of your gender and having to get used to the weight of the job, which gets better once you're used to. The Ups being the knowledge, skill and experience one attains along the journey.

When I got the field, I came with the mentality that I will not restrict myself in to learning. So, I have basically played a couple of roles on the project. I have done bricklaying, duties of a Clerk of works, a Supervisor, a Store Keeper, I have worked in the safety Office, and just other tasks that you would find being done in a construction project on site, the experience has been amazing since I started being in the field and doing the actual work, hearing of my progress from the people who have been my mentors motivates me to push and grow myself and knowledge in the field.



Even though I'm passionate about Civil Engineering, I don't want to focus on one type engineering at the moment, I want to know and have qualifications of other courses in the fields.

My goal is to work for more companies and work in more projects to acquire different skills that will enable me to one day run my own company and share my knowledge and skills with those who will be coming up after me. Engineering is a challenging but exciting field, I wouldn't trade what I am doing for anything else.

# Future Leaders



In 2023, after much observation from previous leaders, her love and fire for student affairs drove her to Run for SRC. She describes her journey as one that challenged her in ways that she did not anticipate “Even though I had an idea of what it would take to run for Chairperson, no one really told me about it would also be emotionally, physically and mentally taxing, however my passion for helping students and being able to make a difference in their lives kept me going, at some point I was a student who need assistance from the SRC too and I know how Live changing having just one person willing to listen and help you with your issues can be”.

Bokamoso says the core business of her role is to ensure that the SRC fulfills their mandate, coordinate the SRC's relationship with its various stakeholders according to their portfolios. To lead with respect, support the SRC and to ensure that the needs of students are prioritized, “I am inspired by Women like MEC Viola Motsumi, her Journey in leadership in one that is very familiar to me, from her days as a high school, she is enthusiastic, has positive energy, and an excellent vision for the future”.

Meet the chairperson of Mahikeng Campus SRC **Bokamoso Letshoo**. The woman in leadership says the mission is not complete for as long as people still feel amazed about the concept of a female leader “It should not shock people anymore that a woman is aiming oris in a position of leadership, we are well capacitated and ready lead” .

The 27 year old from Itsoseng who matriculated at Regolotswe High School started her NCV in 2020 studying Management Assistant, besides always having an interest in politics and the status quo of the country, Bokamoso realized the possibilities of making a change when she joined a student political affiliation shortly after enrolling with Taletso TVET College.

In her closing words, Bokamoso said "Being a Leader means you have a team, this ship is not mine alone, I appreciate the Support I have received from my fellow SRC Members from Mahikeng Campus and our other 2 Campuses, we regularly consult each other to find better ways of Governance. remain level headed and objective as a leader by always remembering why I chose this path and making sure I don't give up. As a leader you have to first care about the well being of your colleagues and fellow students, we come across different characters all the time, which is why is it important to remain level headed all the time."

The determined, dedicated and disciplined Chairperson of Mahikeng Campus hopes her reign as leader brings growth to the Campus and College, but most importantly makes a positive change in students' lives.

# SRC CAMP



SRC Training Camp  
under the facilitation of  
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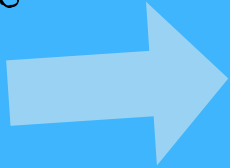


# NEXT EDITION

Human Resource Development training for management and staff



Resource centre sponsored by Ditsobotla Cement Manufacturing Forum at Lichtenburg Campus



A chat with Deputy Principal Academic Dr R. Mojafi- Doctor of Philosophy: Public Administration.



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