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PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Back to campus programme

By Ntombi Mhlambi: GCIS, Free State

The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) hosted an activation for youth on 29 January at the Goldfields TVET College (Tosa Campus). This activation focused on youth applying to study for the first time after passing matric. Most of the youth leave the preparation to further their studies at the last minute due lack of proper planning from their side.

The activation provided youth with much-needed information on other government programs that will assist them in looking for tertiary institutions. The Central Application Clearing House (CACH) was providing matriculants with a second chance to gain entrance to post-school institutions. This invaluable service assists students whose original application may have been

unsuccessful but have subsequently improved their final Grade 12 results. Some are not accepted to tertiary institutions due to a lack of sufficient entry points required.

The CACH sign-up service allows candidates to “sign up” for consideration by any institution that has indicated their intention to participate in CACH. The platform made possible by the Department of Higher Education and Training was also used to provide the youth with an opportunity to do primary health tests. One of the youths, Tebello Molete, said, would share the information with her peers.



Ntombi Mhlambi from the GCIS talking to youth about CACH.



Health services that were rendered by the Department of Health mobile services and other stakeholders who were present on the day.



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PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Majuba TVET College back to campus initiative

By Thandinkosi Zulu: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

The Majuba TVET College based in Dundee, held a successful student orientation and induction programme on 24 January 2024 as part of the back-to-campus initiative by the Department of Higher Education and Training. The programme assisted students to know about various services within the Dundee Campus.

Addressing students, uMzinyathi District Deputy Mayor Thembisile Mchunu told the learners to focus on their studies, as they are the future leaders of society.

The programme included the participation of stakeholders such as the Department of Higher Education and Training, Department of Health, KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health, Department of Social Development, Department of Human Settlements, Department of Employment and Labour,

South African Police Service, Electoral Commission of South Africa, Nedbank, Standard Bank and ABSA.

The campus management, led by Patrick Mbatha, wished all students the best as they start their educational journey with the college and encouraged them to invest in their studies.

Nomaswazi Nkosi, National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) Senior Admin Clerk, encouraged students to visit the NSFAS office and to regularly check the status of their application. They were also urged to refrain from participating in any illegal activities that could lead to dismissal, as their futures depended on them receiving good education.



Some of the stakeholders that were part of the induction process.



Students of Majuba TVET College who attended the orientation and induction programme.



Eugene Tamele (Wearing white jersey) said:

“I am happy that I obtained seven distinctions due to hard work. I am going to pursue a BSc degree in Actuarial Science at Wits University.”



Dinielson Culinwa said:

“I am happy that I obtained seven distinctions with 100% in Maths. I am going to the University of Cape Town to study BCom in Accounting.”

PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Nkangala District academic awards ceremony

By Sibusiso Chauke: GCIS, Mpumalanga

The Government Communication and Information System supported the Nkangala District Municipality and the Department of Basic Education in hosting academic awards ceremony for the matric class of 2023 at Hope for Africa Church in Siyabuswa, Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality on 26 January 2024.

The Nkangala District Municipality in conjunction with the Department of Basic Education saw the necessity to conduct the ceremony to recognise all the learners, officials and the local municipalities who achieved good results in the district.

Nkangala Education District Director Douglas Maja presented the results for 2023.

“The Nkangala District achieved 76% pass rate and we are happy because it is an improvement from 74% in 2022. We really commend schools that achieved 100% pass rate such as Middelburg Hoërskool, Mokebe Secondary

school, Ed-U-College Combined School, Kleinwater College and Hoërskool Kanonkop. Steve Tshwete Local Municipality is the best performing local municipality in the district,” said Maja.

Nkangala District Municipality Executive Mayor Thomas Ngwenya said: “Let me thank all the learners, parents, educators, school-governing body members and all the officials for making this day possible through hard work. We are doing well academically as a district. These results are not just numbers on a report, but a reflection of lives transformed. I challenge everyone to commit that in the current academic year, we ensure that we achieve 80%. I also commend the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality for being the best performing municipality in Mpumalanga.”

Best learners scooped prizes such as laptops, smart phones, bags and money from various sponsors such as Sasol, Standard Bank, ABSA, Exxaro Mine, Sanlam and Old Mutual.



Executive Mayor Ngwenya delivering a keynote address during the awards.

PRIORITY 1: CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.

Mapodile Thusong Service Centre marketing drive

By Nkopodi Mokgoma: GCIS, Limpopo

On 25 January 2024, the community and the residents of Ga-Riba Village received the much needed government services and information from various government departments and entities through a marketing event for Mapodile Thusong Service Centre, where stakeholders extended their respective services and catered for the communication and information needs of the community.

Ga-Riba is a tiny remote rural village located in the mountainous areas west of Burgersfort town, which is the capital of Fetakgomo-Tubatse Local Municipality. The purpose of the event was among others to inform the community members about the services rendered at Mapodile Thusong Service Centre, market the centre and to provide government information and services.

Pinky Morena, the Manager of the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) servicing Fetakgomo-Tubatse Local Municipality explained why government decided to visit to Ga-Riba.

“We came here to provide you with government services, which you need to access. We also want to take this opportunity to further clarify social grants beneficiaries on how they are going to receive their grants going forward,” said Morena.

Government departments that were present and rendered their services were SASSA, the Department of Home Affairs, Department of Social Development, Fetakgomo-Tubatse Local Municipality and the Government Communication and Information System. The First National Bank also assisted those who wanted to open banks accounts.

The representative for Riba Traditional Authority, Molopo Riba, thanked all government departments and stakeholders for visiting the area to render services. He urged officials to lobby other stakeholders during future events to support these areas.



Some of the services rendered on the day at Mapodile Thusong Service Centre.



Some of the community members who received services from government departments and various stakeholders.



Lorens Mokgoro said:

“I came here to collect my smart ID card. I am very excited as it has been too long since it was ready for collection. I did not have money for transport to go and collect it at Praktiseer.”



Molopo Riba said:

“We are very happy as the traditional authority for government to think about us and come to render services that most of our people need.”