



Welcoming address by the Principal of South West Gauteng TVET College, Mr Malose Joseph Monyamane, on the auspicious occasion of the Gauteng Narysec Graduation Ceremony at George Tabor Campus, Soweto on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Programme Director: Dr Veronica Mapaseka Muthumuni

His Excellency Mr Mzwanele Nyhontso the Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development.

Deputy Director General of Land Reform and Rural Development Ms Nomthandazo Moyo

The Gauteng and Free State Province, Acting Regional Manager of Department of Higher Education and Training Mr Pule Patrick Mashele  
Mr Mooketsa Ramasodi, Director-General

The Gauteng Acting Chief Director, Narysec, Ms Babalwa Kuseni

The Chief Director, Gauteng Provincial Shared Service Centre Ms Rachel Masango

Mr Nzwanana, Speaker for City of Tshwane

Mr Magwentshu, Speaker for City of Johannesburg

Ms. Makhosana Msezana, the Municipal Manager, Mogale

SETA's Representatives

Private Training Providers presents

Bidvest, Sekhukhune, Letaba and Capricorn TVET College delegations

Other Organs of State delegation presents

South West Gauteng TVET College Senior Management Team, Unit and Campus Managers

The Organizing Team led by Ms Conny Tefu

Parents

The important Guest (Graduates)

Ladies and Gentleman

Protocol observed

Honourable Minister, I am honoured to welcome you at South West Gauteng TVET College, George Tabor Campus in Soweto, the township with rich history in the fraternity of the education sector. This event takes place during the September Month where the Department of Higher Education Training is celebrating the milestones and contribution we are making through Community Education and Training Colleges.

To the graduates, your parents have sacrificed so much to get you to this place, and have been willing to give all that it takes to educate you to this point. Seeing you in your graduation regalia brings us such great pride. We see the evidence of lives changed and bright futures. Thank you for staying the course during a very difficult and challenging time in the world of work, We hope that you will continue this journey of learning – education is a lifelong journey.

It does not matter where you come from and how you grew up, it is about how you take up a cause, how you stand up against injustice and how despite whatever may go wrong, you never give up and you keep going to achieve your dreams. There is nothing you cannot do, there is no dream you cannot achieve, I simply say to anyone, if you have a goal, be prepared to work hard. When opportunities come your way, like this Narysec Programmes grab it with both hand.

I wish our graduates well for the future. I look forward to returning to celebrate with you as you achieve more in your journey of developing yourselves. I also look forward to success stories of you moving through the levels in the workplace and being developed as future leaders. Not only should you focus on being employees, but also start thinking about how you can create jobs for yourselves and your communities. We need more entrepreneurs to provide opportunities for other young people to get training and employment.

To the parents, guardians, siblings, friends and loved ones, I wish to extend our deep appreciation for the unstinting support, encouragement and constant reassurance you have given to the graduands over the last 12 months. You were always there to cheer them on, you were there to lift them when they lost hope and, above all, you were there to love them when they needed you most. This graduation is a fitting tribute to all that you have done for Learners.

Let me conclude with the inspiring words of from Steve Jobs which I hope will guide you graduates:

**“Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most importantly, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition.”**

Congratulations!