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A TAPESTRY OF HOPE AND INNOVATION

In a world often overshadowed by challenges, the heart of our community beats vibrantly through a series of recent events that shine a light on the power of unity and imagination. Each gathering tells a story, paints a picture, and introduces transformative initiatives that inspire all of us to contribute to a brighter future.

Consider the remarkable journey of Christina Miyambo. Her tireless work at the Unique Kids Day Care Centre embodies the essence of community-driven change. Christina's vision extends beyond mere child care—she is nurturing a generation of empowered children, instilling values of creativity, compassion, and resilience. Her story is a poignant reminder that when one person dares to dream, entire communities can flourish.

Then, there was the dynamic launch of the Drive-By Campaign, a refreshing initiative that embraces innovation by making resources more accessible to those in need. This campaign doesn't just deliver services; it fosters a sense of belonging and security, illustrating the power of collaboration in today's fast-paced world.

Technology too is becoming an ally in our quest for progress. The inauguration of the FASSET-SWGC Soweto Digital Hub stands as a beacon of hope, dedicated to bridging the digital divide that has long plagued our society. By providing tools and education, this hub empowers individuals to harness technology's potential, ensuring that everyone has a seat at the digital table.



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As we celebrated the achievements of our diligent students during the Graduation Ceremony, one could feel the palpable excitement in the air. Each graduate represents not just personal success but also the collective efforts of educators and loved ones who championed their dreams. Their readiness to embark on new adventures is a testament to dedication and resilience—qualities that define our community.

Moreover, the recent Partnership Breakfast served as a vital crossroads for stakeholders, where shared visions and future growth plans were crafted. It was a gathering of dreamers and doers, each committed to fostering environments where innovation flourishes and partnerships thrive.

Adding an enchanting backdrop to these events, the presence of legendary musician Sipho Hotstix Mabuse reminded us that creativity and the arts are at the core of our shared journey. His melodies resonate deeply, encapsulating the spirit of collaboration and serving as an anthem for our aspirations.

In weaving together the narratives of these events, we discover a rich tapestry of hope, resilience, and progress. Each thread represents a commitment to uplift one another, to innovate bravely, and to celebrate the spirit of community. As we move forward, let us harness these stories, let them fuel our actions, and together, let us continue crafting a future filled with promise and possibility.

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South West Gauteng TVET College Strengthens Global Ties with China

In a significant move aimed at enhancing educational exchange and vocational training, South West Gauteng TVET College has embarked on a promising partnership with a delegation from China, signing 18 Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs). This collaboration marks the beginning of a journey that could transform the educational landscape for students in both countries.

At the opening ceremony, SWGC Council Chairperson, Ms. Nomthandazo Lamula, emphasized the importance of this visit, describing it as "the beginning of a deeper partnership." She highlighted the college's commitment to developing modern workshop infrastructure and investing in student skills training, ultimately preparing graduates to tackle industry challenges both locally and on an international scale.

The partnership extends beyond traditional technical training, exploring areas such as curriculum alignment, student exchanges, and cultural interactions. This multifaceted approach holds immense potential for both institutions, creating pathways for students to gain valuable experiences abroad. "By working together, we can not only strengthen TVET systems in our countries but also build bridges of understanding, respect, and opportunities for our youth," Ms. Lamula stated.



The Delegation from China at the Florida site; school of Science, Technology and Distance learning for the signing of the MOU



SWGC Management together with the Delegation from China for the signing of the MOUs at the Florida site; school of Science, Technology and Distance learning

One of the key expectations outlined in the cooperation is the integration of short-term and medium-term training programs for African students in China. This initiative aims to broaden educational horizons and enhance global employability. Additionally, customized training programs designed for international industries will allow students to engage directly with the needs of the global market.

The cooperation anticipates collaboration with the South African government, universities, and local enterprises to jointly establish overseas colleges. This initiative aims to maintain robust relations with Chinese-funded enterprises, which are increasingly vital to the economic landscape of both countries

To ensure success, the college plans to send qualified teachers to China for vocational skills training, and in return, local students will have the opportunity to travel to Shanghai for specialized training. This reciprocal exchange is not merely a transfer of knowledge but a nurturing of global citizenship among the youth.

As South West Gauteng TVET College positions itself as a hub of innovation and collaboration, the partnership with China represents a visionary step toward meeting the evolving demands of the workforce. Both institutions are poised to benefit from shared knowledge, experiences, and expertise, paving the way for a brighter future for students.

his partnership signifies a commitment to building a skilled workforce that can navigate the global economy, fostering relationships that will empower the next generation of leaders, innovators, and skilled professionals. With an eye on the future, South West Gauteng TVET College is setting the stage for transformative educational experiences, bridging gaps, and creating opportunities that will last a lifetime.

SWGC Celebrates Clean Audit Triumph: A Milestone of Integrity and Excellence

By Patience Makhaphela

In an era where Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Colleges often struggle for recognition as institutions of first choice, South West Gauteng TVET College (SWGC) has achieved a landmark moment that redefines its trajectory. For the financial year 2023–2024, SWGC has been awarded a Clean Audit Outcome—an accomplishment that speaks volumes about the College's unwavering commitment to excellence, transparency, and responsible governance.

This achievement is far more than a compliance checkbox. It is a bold affirmation of the College's internal strength, the dedication of its teams, and its readiness to lead with integrity. It signals to stakeholders, students, parents, funders, and partners that SWGC is not only delivering quality education but also stewarding its resources with precision and accountability.

The recognition was formally celebrated on 18 September during the CFO's Regional Meeting held at Roodepoort Campus.



From Left: Mr. Zack Joubert – Chief Director of Finance Planning from the Department of Higher Education and training (DHET), Ms Thandeka Masondo, Director CET, Gauteng and Free State Region, Mr. Stephen Sibanda, Deputy Principal: Financial Services – SWGC, Mr. M.J. Monyamane: Principal – SWGC, both receiving awards for Clean Audit Outcomes and Mr. Molifi Mabe, Principal : Ekurhuleni West TVET College

In a moment of pride and affirmation, Acting Regional Manager Mr. PP Mashele and Chief Director of Finance Planning from the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), Mr. Zack Joubert, presented two certificates:

One to South West Gauteng TVET College, honouring the institution's Clean Audit Outcome. One to Mr. Stephen Sibanda, Deputy Principal: Finance, for his outstanding leadership and contribution to this success.

In a landscape where TVET Colleges must work diligently to earn public trust and student preference, this Clean Audit Outcome is a beacon of credibility. It reinforces SWGC's position as a reliable, future-focused institution—one that is ready to be the first choice for post-school education and training.

As SWGC continues to raise the bar, it invites the broader community to challenge outdated perceptions and embrace TVET as a strategic pathway to success. Because at SWGC, we believe that vocational education is not a second option—it's a first-class opportunity.



Christina Miyambo with her day care students at the Unique Kids Day Care Centre.

Over three years, she poured her heart into her studies, advancing from Level 2 to Level 4. Each course equipped her with the essential skills and knowledge necessary to build a strong educational foundation for young learners. Despite her determination, the COVID-19 pandemic delayed her graduation from 2021 to 2022, pushing her to confront new challenges head-on.

Adversity did not deter Christina; instead, it fuelled her ambition. Inspired by her lecturers and motivated by her family's unwavering support, she transformed her vision into reality. In 2023, she launched Unique Kids Day Care Centre, starting with a modest enrollment of just two children. Through hard work and dedication, Christina's dream has blossomed into a thriving centre now nurturing the minds of 41 children.

This growth symbolizes not just personal success but also an opportunity to uplift others. Christina currently employs three dedicated staff members, and her vision extends even further. With plans to expand and open more branches, she aims to create additional employment opportunities while ensuring quality education and care for many more children in her community.

Building Futures: The Inspiring Journey of Christina Miyambo and Unique Kids Day Care Centre

In the heart of South West Gauteng, a remarkable journey unfolds—one driven by passion, resilience, and a commitment to nurturing the next generation. Christina Miyambo, the proud founder and CEO of Unique Kids Day Care Centre, reflects on her inspiring path in Early Childhood Development (ECD) and her dreams of making a positive impact in her community. Christina's adventure began in 2018 when she enrolled at South West Gauteng College (SWGC) to pursue her passion for ECD.



Outside the Unique Kids Daycare Centre building

Christina's journey has been anything but easy. Yet, she stands as a testament to the power of passion and resilience, proving that dreams can become reality through steadfast determination and faith. "Every challenge has shaped me into a stronger, more determined leader," she shares, reflecting on the lessons learned along the way.

At Unique Kids Day Care Centre, Christina and her team are committed to more than just education; they are devoted to building futures. With each child they nurture, they create a brighter tomorrow, emphasizing the importance of early development and care. In a world that often overlooks the potential of young learners, Christina's work stands out, lighting the path for many to follow.

As she continues this incredible journey, Christina Miyambo remains focused on her mission: to enrich the lives of children and empower their families, one little learner at a time. Her story is a powerful reminder that with passion, courage, and a supportive community, we can achieve our dreams and make a lasting difference.

It is essential to recognize that age and circumstances should not serve as barriers to the pursuit of one's aspirations. The achievements of individuals like Christina, who realized her goals in her late 50s, serve as a testament to the idea that anyone can succeed, regardless of their current situation or the challenges they encounter.

Maintaining a focus on spiritual guidance can significantly contribute to fulfilling one's dreams through divine assistance. Although the journey toward realizing one's objectives may present difficulties, the rewards are invariably worthwhile.

Individuals must retain belief in themselves, as each person possesses intrinsic value and a purpose to accomplish. Furthermore, every individual has a unique role in enhancing the quality of life for themselves, their families, and their communities. Therefore, it is imperative to select a path aligned with one's goals and to pursue it with determination. May everyone be blessed in their endeavors.



Christina Miyambo with her day care students at the Unique Kids Day Care Centre.

FASSET-SWGC Soweto Digital Hub Launch: A Step Forward for Skills Development

On September 30, 2025, a significant milestone in the realm of skill development and workforce empowerment was achieved with the official launch of the FASSET-SWGC Soweto Digital Hub. This innovative platform is poised to revolutionize how individuals engage with vocational training and access resources needed to succeed in a rapidly evolving job market.

The event was attended by industry leaders, educators, and stakeholders from various sectors, all coming together to celebrate the promising future that the Digital Hub represents. The initiative is spearheaded by FASSET (the Finance and Accounting Services Sector Education and Training Authority) and the South Western Gauteng TVET College (SWGC), aiming to bridge the gap between education and industry needs.

The FASSET-South West Gauteng TVET College (SWGC) Soweto Digital Hub Programme and the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Lecturer Support Programme, which are generously funded by FASSET and hosted by South West Gauteng TVET College, aim to address the digital divide by enhancing access to digital skills training for youth in township communities.

This initiative not only improves digital literacy to bolster employability and entrepreneurship opportunities but also empowers educators by augmenting their capacity to incorporate technology into teaching and learning, ensuring that curriculum delivery aligns with the requirements of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR).



FASSET-SWGC Soweto Digital Hub Students at SWGC Dobsonville Campus for the Launch of the Programme

Additionally, the programme endeavors to strengthen partnerships through enhanced collaboration among Sector Education and Training Authorities (SETAs), industry stakeholders, and TVET colleges, thereby underscoring Fasset's instrumental role as a facilitator of education and skills development. By cultivating a cadre of digitally skilled learners prepared for the job market, the initiative significantly improves prospects for internships, employment, and self-employment.

Ultimately, it aspires to create a profound community impact through the upliftment of township communities by providing access to Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and digital opportunities, while also raising awareness of the crucial role that TVET colleges play in fostering inclusive socio-economic growth.

The launch event also highlighted several success stories from past beneficiaries of FASSET and SWGC programmes, demonstrating the positive impact of skills development initiatives on individuals' lives. Videos were played where participants shared inspiring testimonials about how access to quality training and resources helped them secure employment and advance their careers.



Mr. Joey Monyamane – Principal of SWGC (left), Ms. Ayanda Mafuleka – FASSET Chief Executive Director (middle) and Mr. Samuel Zamokhuhle Zungu – Deputy Director General of the DHET (right) at The FASSET SWGC Digital Hub Programme Launch

The FASSET SWGC Digital Hub represents a forward-thinking approach to skills development, aiming to equip individuals with the tools they need to thrive in a competitive landscape. As the digital economy continues to expand, initiatives like this become more crucial in ensuring that the workforce is well-prepared for future challenges.

“Through the Soweto Digital Hub, we are committed to enhancing the skills of our youth and preparing them for the challenges of a modern workforce,” said FASSET Chief Executive Director Ms. Ayanda Mafuleka during the launch event. “By focusing on areas such as cyber security and robotics, we are not only addressing immediate skill shortages but also ensuring that our students are future-ready.”

In his keynote address during the launch, the Deputy Director General, Mr. Samuel Zamokhuhle Zungu, emphasized the importance of adaptability in education: “In a world that is changing at an unprecedented pace, we must ensure that our training programmes are not only relevant but also responsive to the needs of the industry. The Digital Hub is a testament to our commitment to continuous improvement and innovation in skills development.”

As the FASSET SWGC Digital Hub opens its virtual doors, it signifies a transformative shift toward more inclusive and effective education strategies. By harnessing technology and fostering partnerships, the hub is set to become a cornerstone of skill development in South Africa, ultimately leading to a more capable and adaptable workforce.

Partnership Breakfast Highlights Collaborative Efforts in Higher Education

The South West Gauteng TVET College organized an impactful Partnership Breakfast on October 10, 2025, at the Garden Venue, bringing together a diverse assembly of stakeholders committed to enhancing skills development in South Africa. This event marked a significant milestone for the College, underscoring its dedication to aligning educational programmes with the evolving demands of the industry.

With over 250 attendees, the Partnership Breakfast featured industry leaders, government representatives, educators, and members of the community, all united by a common goal: to improve the landscape of vocational education and training. The gathering served as a strategic platform for dialogue, fostering collaboration and shared objectives among participants.

The highlight of the morning was the keynote address delivered by Hon. Dr. Nomusa Dube-Ncube MP, the Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Training. In her speech, Dr. Dube-Ncube emphasized the importance of partnerships in creating a skilled workforce capable of meeting the challenges of a dynamic job market. Her insights served as a potent reminder of the vital role that educational institutions play in driving economic development and social progress.

The Deputy Minister highlighted several key initiatives the government is undertaking to strengthen ties between academia and industry. She discussed the ongoing efforts to create more internship and job placement opportunities for students, which she described as crucial for bridging the skills gap. "It is vital that our graduates are not only well-educated but also workplace-ready," she said.



Keynote address delivered by Hon. Dr. Nomusa Dube-Ncube MP, the Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Training at the Partnership Breakfast

During the event, the College showcased its array of QCTO-accredited Occupational Programmes, tailored to align with industry requirements. These initiatives aim to cultivate a well-equipped workforce, bridging the gap between academic learning and practical application. The presentations highlighted ongoing collaborations with industry players and Sector Education and Training Authorities (SETAs), paving the way for workplace-based learning opportunities that benefit both students and employers.

The Partnership Breakfast also aimed to establish sustainable relationships between the College and various stakeholders, reinforcing the notion that education is a shared responsibility. Discussions throughout the morning explored innovative strategies for enhancing experiential training, apprenticeships, and mentorship programmes, all pivotal for enriching students' practical experiences.

Moreover, the event provided an opportunity for attendees to discuss the current strategic initiatives within the Post-School Education and Training (PSET) sector, delving into collaborative avenues to bolster South Africa's skills development agenda. The exchange of ideas inspired optimism for future endeavors, as participants recognized the need for ongoing cooperation across sectors.

Supported by generous sponsorships that covered the venue and logistical expenses, the College focused on creating an atmosphere conducive to meaningful partnerships and stakeholders' engagement. This backing reflects a shared commitment to advancing the educational landscape and enhancing student outcomes.



(left) Ms. Nomthandazo Lamula, Chairperson of the College Council, and (right) Dr. Nomusa Dube-Ncube, Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Training, holding the "Blueprint Engineering" certificate during the Partnership Breakfast event.

As the Partnership Breakfast concluded, the South West Gauteng TVET College expressed enthusiasm about the discussions held and the collaborative efforts that lie ahead. With a clear vision for the future, the institution is poised to become a leader in connecting educational outcomes with industry needs, preparing students to thrive in an ever-changing economic environment.

The excitement in the room was palpable, as all present looked forward to nurturing the valuable relationships formed during this landmark event.

Driving Change: The Bold “Drive By” Campaign Celebrates Vocational Education

In a ground-breaking initiative aimed at transforming perceptions around vocational education, the “Drive By” Campaign has successfully engaged communities across the Free State and Gauteng provinces. This event, hosted by the Gauteng Free State Marketing and Communications Forum, brought together prominent representatives from various colleges, including South West Gauteng TVET College, Central Johannesburg TVET College, Tshwane North and South TVET Colleges, Ekurhuleni West and East TVET Colleges, Maluti TVET College, Flavius Mareka TVET College, Goldfields TVET College, and the Gauteng and Free State CET Colleges.

Over the course of five dynamic days, this movement-driven, people-centred campaign brought together more than 20,000 individuals, including learners, parents, and educators, all united by a common purpose: to celebrate and elevate vocational learning as a valuable career choice.



Gauteng Free State Marketing and Communication Forum members during the Drive-by Campaign.



High school learners participating in the Drive-By Campaign at Ekurhuleni East TVET College in Benoni

At its core, the “Drive By” Campaign represents a powerful declaration of dignity and choice for vocational learners. It reframes vocational education not merely as an alternative pathway but as a first-choice option, challenging the longstanding stigma often associated with trades.

The campaign boldly showcases the importance of skills development and artisanship, illustrating the potential for these professions to offer fulfilling and impactful careers.

The campaign's engagement strategy was as innovative as it was inclusive. Through a combination of hall presentations and class activations, participants experienced first-hand the exciting possibilities that vocational education can offer. Social media played a key role in amplifying these efforts, with hybrid engagements such as TikTok challenges, Instagram reels, and Facebook stories complementing in-person activations.

This multi-faceted approach ensured that the message resonated with a younger audience, making the campaign not just informative but also entertaining.



Mr. Tshlidzi Mukhithi, Student Recruitment Officer at South West Gauteng TVET College, is seen engaging with prospective students during the Drive-by recruitment campaign.

The “Drive By” Campaign is more than just a series of events; it signifies a cultural shift in how we perceive skills and trades in our society. By focusing on the aspirations of learners and showcasing the artistry of their crafts, the campaign has ignited a movement that dignifies the hard work and dedication of artisans.

Through unwavering community engagement and strategic digital amplification, the campaign has laid the groundwork for national expansion. By encouraging a dialogue about the importance of vocational education, it stands to inspire even more individuals to pursue paths that may have previously been overlooked.

As the “Drive By” Campaign wraps up its initial phase, its impact is sure to resonate far beyond the five days of events. By celebrating vocational education as a viable and honourable career path, this initiative not only empowers future generations of learners but also paves the way for a broader societal appreciation of skills and trades.

In a world that's constantly evolving, the message is clear: There is dignity in every skill, and every trade tells a story worth telling. The “Drive By” Campaign is just the beginning of a larger movement poised to inspire change and empower individuals across the nation.



High school students in attendance at the Drive-by campaign.

GRADUATION CEREMONY: A CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT



Mr. MJ Monyamane, Principal of SWGC, placing the sash on a graduate.

On August 1, 2025, the Johannesburg Expo Centre at Nasrec was abuzz with excitement as South West Gauteng TVET College held its annual graduation ceremony. The event celebrated the achievements of hundreds of students who had completed their vocational and technical training, marking a significant milestone in their educational journeys.

The ceremony began with a vibrant procession, led by the college's academic staff and dignitaries. Dressed in their caps and gowns, graduates emanated enthusiasm and pride, ready to embark on the next chapter of their lives. The atmosphere was electric, filled with cheers and applause from family members and friends who had come to support their loved ones.

The proceedings commenced with a welcoming address from the principal of the College, Mr. Joey Monyamane. He commended the graduates for their hard work and resilience, acknowledging that their dedication and perseverance have culminated in this significant achievement.

Furthermore, Mr. Monyamane took the opportunity to recognize the indispensable support system that has contributed to the graduates' success. He expressed gratitude to the families and friends for their unwavering encouragement, as well as to the dedicated staff, whose commitment to nurturing the intellectual and emotional development of students has made a lasting impact.

As the graduates embark on the next phase of their lives, the principal emphasized that education extends beyond the mere acquisition of knowledge; it encompasses the ability to think critically, embrace diversity, and effectuate positive change in the world. He urged each graduate to pursue their aspirations with courage and to remain steadfast in their values.

While the awards were being presented, the audience erupted in cheers for the standout students, who received accolades for their outstanding performance across various disciplines. From engineering to hospitality, the graduates showcased a wide range of skills that are vital to the workforce.



South West Gauteng TVET College graduates pictured on their graduation day at the Nasrec Expo Centre.



Ms. Nomthandazo Lamula,- Chairperson of the College Council, symbolically confers the qualification upon an SWGC graduate using a ceremonial scroll.

As the graduates tossed their caps into the air, there was a palpable sense of hope and optimism. Many graduates expressed their excitement about entering the job market or pursuing further studies, equipped with the skills and knowledge they had gained at South West Gauteng TVET College.

The 2025 graduation ceremony not only marked the culmination of years of hard work for the graduates but also reinforced the college's commitment to producing innovative and skilled professionals ready to contribute to the economic development of South Africa. It was a day filled with pride, inspiration, and celebration of the remarkable achievements of the college's graduates.



Mr. Thado Maduma, who inspired entrepreneurial thinking with his introduction to the Zhaus Business Opportunity

The seminar was part of the innovative Vuk Talk Seminar Initiative, designed to bridge the gap between students and the wealth of opportunities available through government programmes and industry connections. This year's event was a showcase of collaboration between academia, government, and the business sector, illustrating just how impactful these partnerships can be when it comes to nurturing future talent.

Kickstarting the seminar, Ms. Constance Magxunyane, the Acting Campus Manager, welcomed attendees with an uplifting speech that set a tone of optimism and purpose. Following her introduction, Mr. Tshepo Nkosi eloquently laid out the day's agenda, energizing the audience for the discussions that lay ahead.

One of the highlights of the seminar came from Ms. Sbonga Gumede, who took to the stage to shed light on the various opportunities provided by SA Youth. Her presentation sparked a fervent Q&A session, with students eagerly engaging and asking questions that reflected their aspirations and concerns.

GCIS SEMINAR IGNITES YOUTH LEADERSHIP AT MOLAPO CAMPUS

By Patience Makhaphela

On August 27, 2025, the Molapo Campus Hall of South West Gauteng TVET College transformed into a vibrant forum for inspiration and dialogue as over 200 eager students gathered for the highly anticipated GCIS Seminar. Under the dynamic theme "TVET Must Rise: Shaping Future Leaders Across All Fields," this event became a defining moment for young minds determined to make their mark in the world.



Ms. Constance Magxunyane, the Acting Campus Manager, welcoming the attendees with an uplifting speech

The excitement continued with contributions from Mr. Thado Maduma, who inspired entrepreneurial thinking with his introduction to the Zhaus Business Opportunity. This was complemented by Mr. Patrick Sibeko from the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), who spoke about crucial programmes aimed at youth development that resonated deeply with the attendees.

As the seminar progressed, Ms. Mahadi Sekhosana and Ms. Vuyiswa Thala from Gibela Rail shared their insights on the importance of industry partnerships, emphasizing the necessity for skills development to align with current sector needs. A pivotal moment unfolded when Gibela Rail representatives announced their commitment to reviving a strategic partnership with Molapo Campus, focusing on Fitter and Mechanical Fitter fields.

Their enthusiasm for collaborating on skills development, internships, and curriculum support was palpable and inspired a wave of excitement throughout the audience.

Registration was a collaborative effort handled by the Student Support Services, targeting students from various disciplines such as Business Studies, Utility Studies, and Engineering. Notably, a student co-facilitator joined Mr. Nkosi on stage, embodying the seminar's youth-driven ethos and reinforcing the event's commitment to empowering young voices.

Aligning with national priorities such as Economic Reconstruction and Recovery, Safety and Security, and the fight against Gender-Based Violence, the seminar served as a vital platform for students to engage meaningfully in relevant societal dialogues. An introduction to the Vuk'uzenzele online newspaper further promoted digital literacy and civic participation among attendees.

The GCIS Seminar surpassed expectations, marked by enthusiastic student engagement, the strengthening of partnerships, and a collective commitment to shaping future leaders through inclusivity. The renewed collaboration with Gibela not only provided tangible pathways for students but also solidified Molapo Campus's role as a proactive partner in national development.

To top it all off, highlights from the seminar were featured on the GovernmentZA YouTube Channel, ensuring that the insights and dialogues initiated during the event reached a broader audience, showcasing the power of youth-led initiatives to inspire and drive change.

As students left the seminar with newfound motivation and connections, it was clear that the GCIS event had not just ignited passion—it had lighted the way for the leaders of tomorrow.



SWGC students in attendance at the GCIS Vuk Talk Seminar.

SIPHO “HOTSTIX” MABUSE INSPIRES MUSICAL STUDENTS AT SWGC DOBSONVILLE CAMPUS

In a vibrant celebration of music and mentorship, the SWGC Dobsonville Campus hosted the legendary Sipho “Hotstix” Mabuse. Renowned for his contributions to South African music, Mabuse was not just a performer but a beacon of inspiration, fervently sharing his wealth of knowledge with students who aspired to follow in his footsteps.

This exceptional event drew eager participants from both the SWGC Dobsonville Campus and nearby PJ Semelane and Thaba Jabula Secondary Schools. The atmosphere was electric, filled with the sounds of creativity as students engaged in a rich exchange of ideas and experiences. Sipho’s charismatic presence and approachable demeanor created an inviting space for dialogue, encouraging young musicians to explore their passions and hone their skills.



Renowned musician Sipho “Hotstix” Mabuse shares words of musical advice with students during his visit to South West Gauteng TVET College’s Dobsonville Campus.



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During the sessions, Sipho delved into his own musical journey—sharing stories of his beginnings, the challenges he faced, and the lessons learned along the way. His insights not only illuminated the path to success in the music industry but also instilled confidence in students, demonstrating that perseverance and dedication could lead to remarkable achievements.

For many of these students, this opportunity represented a significant moment in their artistic development. They were not merely passive listeners; they were active participants in workshops filled with interactive discussions about musical techniques, performance skills, and the importance of cultural expression through art. The chance to interact with a musical icon like Mabuse enriched their educational experience and inspired them to cultivate their unique voices.

As the event unfolded, it became clear that this was more than just a series of lessons—it was a celebration of community and creativity. Students forged connections, exchanged ideas, and collaboratively explored the world of music, all under the watchful guidance of Sipho “Hotstix” Mabuse. The influence of such a revered figure in local music history was invaluable, fostering a deep appreciation for the arts and the culture from which they arose.

Reflecting on this memorable event, it was evident that the SWGC Dobsonville Campus was committed to nurturing the talents of its students and providing enriching experiences that extended beyond the classroom. With Sipho “Hotstix” Mabuse at the helm, the message was clear: music is a powerful medium for connection and growth, and mentorship plays a crucial role in shaping the next generation of artists.



Sipho “Hotstix” Mabuse collaborates with a South West Gauteng TVET College staff member in a musical session.

As the programme wrapped up, the impact of Sipho’s visit resonated far beyond the walls of the campus. Students were left with not just new skills and knowledge but also the encouragement to chase their musical dreams with passion and purpose. It marked a defining moment for many, signalling the beginning of their journeys in the vibrant landscape of South African music.



Sipho “Hotstix” Mabuse with staff members and students of SWGC’s Dobsonville Campus and the Dobsonville Campus band.

SOUTH WEST GAUTENG TVET COLLEGE SHINES AT WORLDSKILLS GAUTENG PROVINCIAL COMPETITION 2025



Kamohelo Mohale, Gold medal winner in the welding Category with Mentor –Mr. Thabo Tsolo a Welding Lecturer at Molapo Campus

South West Gauteng TVET College (SWGC) proudly showcased its technical excellence and student talent at the recently concluded WorldSkills Gauteng Provincial Competition, hosted at Tshwane North and South TVET Colleges from 13–17 October 2025. The closing ceremony, held at Tshwane North TVET College on 17 October, marked a moment of celebration and recognition for the college's outstanding performance across multiple skill categories.

Student Achievements

SWGC students demonstrated exceptional craftsmanship and professionalism, securing top honours in several disciplines:

- Welding – Gold Medal: Kamogelo Mohale (Molapo Campus)
- Bricklaying – Silver Medal: Ntokozo John Sibeko (Molapo Campus)
- Electrical Installations – Silver Medal: Avuyile Mehlomakhulu (Roodepoort West Campus)
- Restaurant Services – Silver Medal: Thlatlogo Nkotswe (Roodepoort Campus)
- Fashion Technology – Bronze Medal: Themba Mkhwanazi (George Tabor Campus)

In addition, two categories—CNC Turning and Social and Healthcare—were deferred to the National Competition in 2026 due to the absence of competitors at the provincial level. SWGC's representatives in these fields will advance directly to the national stage, where they will compete against the country's best.

These achievements reflect the strength of SWGC's vocational training and the dedication of both students and lecturers in preparing learners for real-world industry demands.

The WorldSkills platform continues to be a vital opportunity for young artisans to gain exposure, build confidence, and represent their institutions with pride.



Fashion Technology – Bronze Medal Winner: Themba Mkhwanazi (George Tabor Campus), Ironing his fabric for the competition

Honoring Our Mentors

Behind every medal is a mentor whose guidance and expertise shaped the journey. SWGC extends heartfelt appreciation to the following educators:

- Mr. Thabo Tsolo (Molapo Campus) – Mentored Gold Medallist in Welding
- Carrien Swart (Roodepoort Campus) – Mentored Silver Medallist in Restaurant Services
- Mr. Baloyi (Molapo Campus) – Mentored Silver Medallist in Bricklaying
- Mr. Sibusiso Sibiya – Provided technical guidance in Electrical Installation
- Mr. Sylvester Manyama – Mentored Bronze Medallist in Fashion Technology

Their mentorship has been instrumental in preparing students for competition and fostering a culture of excellence across campuses. SWGC proudly acknowledges their tireless efforts and the lasting impact they continue to make.



Electrical Installations – Silver Medal winner: Avuyile Mehlomakhulu (Roodepoort West Campus) reading the brief



SWGC Mentors, Staff and the World Skills Competitors at the World Skills Competition

Looking Ahead

As SWGC looks ahead to the National WorldSkills Competition in 2026, the college community stands united in support of its champions. Their success not only brings honour to the institution but also inspires future students to pursue excellence in their chosen trades.

South West Gauteng TVET College remains committed to skills development, innovation, and preparing students for the demands of the modern workforce. The legacy of excellence continues to grow — one skill, one student, one mentor at a time.



Restaurant Services – Silver Medal winner : Thlatlogo Nkotswe (Roodepoort Campus)

GAUTENG SHINES AT THE 2025 COSACSA NATIONAL SUMMER BALL GAMES



TEAM GP celebrating after being announced as the overall winners of the 2025 CoSACSA National Ball Games.

In a stunning display of talent and teamwork, 39 outstanding students and 11 dedicated coaches from South West Gauteng TVET College (SWGC) proudly represented COSACSA Gauteng at the highly anticipated 2025 National Summer Ball Games. The event took place in the vibrant city of eThekweni from October 5th to 10th, where the spirit of sport and camaraderie filled the air.

Accompanied by SSS officials, SRC members, and the tireless Sports Arts and Culture Coordinators, the SWGC delegation trained hard and showcased remarkable dedication leading up to the games. Their hard work paid off, as Gauteng emerged as the overall champions, achieving impressive standings across a variety of sports disciplines.

The results were nothing short of extraordinary, with Gauteng claiming top positions in several categories:

- Male Netball: 2nd Place
- Female Netball: 1st Place
- Male Soccer: 5th Place
- Female Soccer: 1st Place
- Male Volleyball: 6th Place
- Female Volleyball: 1st Place
- Male Table Tennis: 4th Place
- Female Table Tennis: 4th Place
- Male Basketball: 1st Place
- Female Basketball: 1st Place
- Male Rugby: 7th Place
- Female Rugby: 2nd Place

Beyond individual achievements, Gauteng's overall provincial standing was celebrated as 1st Place, marking a brilliant chapter in the region's sporting history.

This year also marks a monumental first for COSACSA Gauteng, as the province celebrated a historic treble victory.

2025 has proven to be a landmark year, with Gauteng securing championships in the National Track and Field, the Academic Eisteddfod, and now the Summer Ball Games. This incredible feat highlights the unwavering dedication and resilience of our students, coaches, coordinators, and management teams.

From every field, court, and arena, the athletes from Gauteng embodied the essence of Excellence, Unity, and Determination. Their commitment to each other and to their sport forged a bond that transcended competition. The collective efforts of colleges, technical teams, officials, and loyal supporters have been pivotal in this remarkable journey.

As we congratulate the SWGC students and coaches, we also celebrate the entire COSACSA Gauteng family on achieving the 2025 Treble Champions title. This achievement serves as an inspiration for future athletes, demonstrating that through hard work and unity, greatness is within reach.



SWGC Male soccer player Neo Sabasaba scouted by the Orbit College FC at the 2025 CoSACSA National Summer Ball Games



SWGC players and coaches proudly represented the college during the opening ceremony, showcasing unity, team spirit, and excitement for the 2025 CoSACSA National Summer Ball Games.

SWGC Claims Victory Again at the Mzanzi College Challenge 2025!

By Tshepo Mokoena



South West Gauteng TVET College (SWGC) Male Soccer Team, coaches and SSS proudly celebrates victory as 2025 Mzanzi College Challenge Champions, showcasing their medals and trophy.

The Mzanzi College Challenge 2025, held on 20 and 21 September 2025, reached its thrilling climax in an atmosphere filled with excitement, sportsmanship, and pride.

South West Gauteng TVET College (SWGC) once again demonstrated their dominance on the field, emerging as CHAMPIONS and successfully retaining the trophy after a nail-biting final against Tshwane South College (TSC). The match ended 1-1 in regular time, before SWGC held their composure to seal victory 4-2 on penalties, a true testament to the team's resilience, unity, and champion spirit.



Midfielder of the Tournament: Lwazi (SWGC)

These accolades highlight the exceptional skill and teamwork displayed by SWGC SSS, Coaches and Players throughout the competition.

Individual Awards

(Selected by the tournament talent scout – Bra Mike Ntombela)

- Goalkeeper of the Tournament: Hosea (TSC)
- Defender of the Tournament: Njabulo (SWGC)
- Midfielder of the Tournament: Lwazi (SWGC)
- Top Goal Scorer: Mahlatse (SWGC) – 5 goals
- Player of the Tournament: Mahlatse (SWGC)



Top Goal Scorer (5 goals), and Player of the Tournament: Mahlatse (SWGC)

Looking Ahead

The Mzanzi College Challenge continues to be the platform where champions are made and the future of football shines bright.

See you all in 2026 for another unforgettable edition of this prestigious tournament!

Big shoutout to our volunteer photographers – K. Moloto, Maletlotlo, and Mr. Mo – for capturing the energy, passion, and unforgettable moments.

Siyabonga Twala: A Rising Star in Competitive Bodybuilding

In the world of competitive bodybuilding, few names are making waves quite like Siyabonga Twala. As a Level 4 Primary Agriculture student, Siyabonga has not only balanced his academic pursuits with his passion for bodybuilding but has also emerged as a force to be reckoned with on stage.

Recently, this dedicated athlete showcased his remarkable talent at two prestigious events: the Fire and Ice competition and the All-Africa Championships. Both events are known for attracting some of the best bodybuilders, and Siyabonga didn't just participate; he made a statement. Earning second place in the 90kg category at Fire and Ice was no small feat, and it set the stage for his next challenge—the All-African Championships.



Siyabonga Twala alongside his competitors at the All-Africa Championships

Competing at the All-African Championships, Siyabonga once again demonstrated his prowess by clinching second place in the Development Division. His impressive performances did not go unnoticed, captivating judges and audiences alike with his exceptional skill, confidence, and magnetic stage presence during his mandatory poses. It's clear that Siyabonga exemplifies the essence of a true athlete—dedicated, disciplined, and driven.



Siyabonga Twala competing at the All-Africa Championships

What sets Siyabonga apart is not just his physical attributes but also his unwavering determination. He is a testament to the idea that hard work truly pays off, serving as an inspiration to fellow students and aspiring bodybuilders alike. His journey emphasizes the importance of balancing one's passions with responsibilities, a valuable lesson for anyone striving to achieve their goals.

Siyabonga Twala's achievements extend beyond the trophies he's earned; they reflect a commitment to personal growth and excellence in every endeavour he undertakes. As he continues to train and prepare for future competitions, one thing is certain: this rising star is just getting started. Keep an eye on Siyabonga, as the bodybuilding world is undoubtedly going to hear much more from him in the future!

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