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# ALL THINGS SDC

## Student Newsletter

First Edition

Hello! Welcome to **all things SDC**, a newsletter with one goal in mind — to celebrate, inform, and uplift our student community by sharing a wide range of updates, from new program announcements and important institutional news to spotlights on successful graduates and student achievements. Our goal is to keep you informed, inspired, and connected to the SDC community.

We want to celebrate your journey, share the stories of your peers, and provide you with valuable insights that will help you succeed both during your learnership and long after you've graduated. Consider this your go-to guide for staying in the loop and celebrating the difference you are making.

## Leladi Canteen

### #Exciting New Addition to Our Campus!

The Leladi Canteen is now open daily, ready to serve us with warmth and enthusiasm.

They not only provide fresh and remarkably affordable food options for both students and staff, but also a wide variety of delicious meals, snacks, and refreshing drinks. And let's not forget those \*magiwanys\* that are perfect for those chilly winter mornings!

Make sure to stop by and explore everything from daily meal combos to healthy grab-and-go selections. Now you can enjoy scrumptious and balanced meals without emptying your wallet. The canteen welcomes you every day!



Employees also appreciate having a cozy area to unwind and recharge during their hectic workdays. With extended hours and a welcoming atmosphere, the new canteen is quickly becoming a popular destination for both learning and lunchtime. Be sure to visit, sample something different, and savor the fresh flavors now offered on campus!

## Graduations & Sponsors

We are honoured to have been joined by the amazing sponsor **Southey Contracting**, at a recent graduation ceremony. A heartfelt thank you to the incredible learners who showed up with their brightest smiles and celebrated this special occasion alongside their families. Your presence made the event truly memorable!

Please remember that your sponsor is deeply invested in your success, and your commitment matters. It's essential that every learner understands the importance of full attendance in classes and the workplace. As per QCTO requirements, consistent workplace attendance is mandatory in order to qualify for the final exam.



*We're proud to be part of your story and can't wait to see the incredible things you'll accomplish.*



## Word From Hennie

| SDC Campus Rector

Dear Learners,

As your journey through this chapter of your life, I want to pause and remind you just how much your presence, your effort, and your dedication truly matter. Each day you show up, each day you attend, whether in the classroom, online, the workplace or in your quiet determination, you are **laying the foundation for something extraordinary**.

Each day you're proving to yourself and others that you're serious about your future. Knowing your attendance is more than a record—it's a reflection of your resilience, your hunger for growth, and your belief in what lies ahead. The time and focus you invest in your development today are seeds that will blossom into achievement tomorrow. Robert Collier said - *"Success is the sum of small efforts repeated day in and day out."*

Let every achievement remind you of what you're capable of and if ever you feel uncertain, take a moment to look back and see how far you've come. Your journey is not defined by perfection, but by persistence, and your ability to rise each day is what truly sets you apart.

**Stand tall, stay focused, and never doubt your ability to succeed. SDC believes in you—Be the difference.**





## #Exciting New Course Announcements



We are thrilled to unveil our new **Truck Driver** Occupational Certificate (NQF 3), designed to provide learners with vital, future-oriented skills. This qualification is designed to equip individuals with the skills and knowledge to operate trucks safely and effectively.

Additionally, we are proud to receive accreditation for the National Occupational Certificate in **Beauty Therapist** Qualification (NQF 4), which has officially joined our course offerings. The focus is on equipping students to provide a range of treatments related to skin care, body care, and relaxation.

## Success Stories

### SANELE

In 2023, Sanele Mbatha proudly graduated with a qualification in Project Management, marking the beginning of what would soon become a powerful career path.

In early 2024, she stepped in temporarily to fill the shoes of a colleague on maternity leave within the Induction Department. What was meant to be a short-term opportunity quickly turned into a platform for Sanele to showcase her talent, work ethic, and keen eye for detail as a **Quality Assurer**. With a natural ability to grasp complex processes and her consistent drive to deliver excellence, Sanele proved herself to be an invaluable asset. Her performance not only impressed her team but also opened doors to something greater.

Today, we are proud to celebrate Sanele's journey as she **officially joins the team on a permanent basis**, proof that dedication, readiness to learn, and showing up with purpose can truly change your path.

Congratulations, Sanele! Your story continues to inspire many around the campus!



### KOKETSO

Koketso's story is a true reflection of determination, growth, and the power of a strong work ethic.

Starting her journey as a cleaner at the TVET College, Koketso made a **significant impact** with her dedication and upbeat demeanor. In 2024, she courageously attended an interview for an internal position, where her manager, Nazmeera, immediately recognized her potential. With confidence, curiosity, and a strong work ethic, Koketso wowed the managers not only with her presence but also with her promise for the future.

Her manager holds her in high regard, describing Koketso as someone who is perpetually curious, eager to learn, and even willing to forfeit parts of her lunch break for a better grasp of her responsibilities. She has shown a keen interest in joining a results-driven team and is ready to invest the effort required to contribute to that success.

Today, Koketso's journey reminds us that where you start doesn't define where you're headed. We're proud to see her grow and shine!



### Campus Escalator

Up, up, and away! The escalator is now operational for persons living with **Physical Disabilities** and has been fully tested and certified. Please feel free to use it to move between floors. Let us respect those who need it more than others. Thank you to everyone for your patience during the upgrade.



### Support

SDC Beauty! Almondre is an intern at our Learner Recruitment Agency (LRA) and is a finalist in the **Miss Eldos Pageant**. Please show your support by voting for her.

Closing Date: 31<sup>st</sup> of August '25  
Please vote by sms "MSEP17" to **47439**

## Entrepreneurs

Gomolemo exemplifies an outstanding TVET learner who consistently steps up to offer help and demonstrates a positive spirit.

Recognizing the value of relationships, his engaging personality has inspired everyone to support his **spicy sauce business**.

We love to relish our **SMERSH sauce** during lunch, and conversations in the corridors frequently revolve around its deliciousness.

Having sold 50 bottles at **R50 each**, Gomolemo is clearly receiving the backing he deserves! Be sure to place your order with him soon!





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## Wealth Field Work Agents

### #Celebrating Our Outstanding Wealth Field Representatives

Let's take a moment to recognize our Wealth Field Representatives who have been truly excelling recently! These champions have been out in all weather—rain, sun, wind, you name it—selling insurance like experts and surpassing their targets with remarkable skill.



Photo: Athabile, Smanegle, Zandile & Mmalehlognolo

## SA YOUTH PORTAL



### #SDC Partnership with SA Jobs

To secure a position after your learnership, be sure to create a profile on the SA Jobs Mobi platform! The best part is that you don't need data to access this platform. If your learnership is nearing completion, start applying now!

## Graduation Guest Story

At the recent SDC Graduation, we were honoured to be joined by the dynamic and inspirational SABC 1 Khumbulekhaya Presenter Samora Manges! Known for his authenticity and depth, Samora delivered a heartfelt message that left a lasting impression on both graduates and guests alike.

Speaking from experience, he reminded the audience of the power of patience and preparation. "Wait for your time—but stay prepared while you wait," he shared. These simple yet profound words resonated deeply, especially with graduates stepping into the unknown of post-learnership life.

His message served as a powerful reminder that success doesn't always come immediately, but when preparation meets opportunity, the results can absolutely be life changing.

Thank you, Samora, for reminding us that readiness and resilience are key—and that our time will come.



## Upcoming



### Join us for this year's SDC Wealth Speech Competition.

Share your unique perspectives on how we can save, invest, and grow our money effectively. This is your chance to showcase your financial wisdom and potentially.

**Entries Close: 8 August 2025.**  
**Speech Competition: 26 August 2025.**



**TIKTOK**

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### Time to turn those social media accounts into your personal stage!

Think TikTok and start dazzling the world with your talents. Flash your skills with snappy short videos! Are you a B.Com wiz? Drop a quick finance gem. Got exam prep skills that could make a sloth smart? Share your secrets! Master of time management? Show us how it's done! Turn every scroll into a learning adventure with mini-lessons or nifty explainers in your field.

## A Reminder

Your time here is more than just completing a learnership; it's about building a foundation for a future where you're not just ready for a career, but ready to make a real difference. Remember our slogan, **"We are the difference,"** because each of you is proving that every day. We're proud to be part of your story and can't wait to see the incredible things you'll accomplish.

## SDC's Got Talent



**SDC Students get ready to showcase your talent. Date and more details to follow soon!**

## SDC Market Day

SDC Wealth, in collaboration with Money Smart Week is excited to invite you to this year's Market Day an opportunity for you to showcase your business right here on campus! Whether you're selling products, offering services, or just want to share your passion project, this is your chance to shine, connect with others, and grow your network.

Date: 25 August 2025 | 12:00 - 15:00 | R50 per stall (R25 for additional stall). **For more details, contact the SDC Wealth Team.**

Scan QR code to book your stall



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