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# ALL THINGS SDC

Student Newsletter  
Second Edition

Hello! welcome to **All Things SDC**, a newsletter created to celebrate, inform, and uplift our student community. Here, we share everything from new programme updates and important campus news to inspiring graduate stories and standout student achievements.

## Lelladi Canteen's New Prepaid Meal Coupons

There is now a convenient way to enjoy your meals at the Lelladi Canteen! To make your campus experience even smoother (and tastier), Lelladi has launched three prepaid coupon options: R150, R250, and R300.

With these coupons, learners can simply load once, spend anytime, and enjoy effortless transactions. Each purchase is automatically deducted from the coupon balance until it's fully used, and the best part is. Without the coupon expiring, you can reload your coupon at any time, up to R500, based entirely on your own usage and needs.

### Why Students Are Loving It

- No need to carry cash
- Easy reload options
- Budget-friendly pricing
- Delicious new menu addition



### New Treats on the Menu

Lelladi Canteen has just introduced brand-new goodies to keep your energy up throughout the day:

- Fresh smoothies for only R25.00 (Yoghurt mooslie, strawberry, vanilla).
- Magnum ice cream for only R22.00 (Chocolate & Cream)

Whether you're grabbing breakfast on the go, cooling down between classes, or treating yourself after a long study session, there's something for everyone. Pass by the Lelladi Canteen, load your coupon, and enjoy a smarter, tastier way to dine on campus!

## Disability Month Highlights

### Empowering Casual Day Programme

As part of our Casual Day itinerary, we were honoured to be joined by the National Council of and for Persons with Disabilities (NCPD), who collaborated with our facilitators for an insightful and impactful session. The engagement focused on building awareness, fostering inclusivity, and strengthening our commitment to creating an accessible learning and working environment for all.

### The programme covered key areas including:

- Mindful manners and respectful interaction
- Training on disability awareness
- Understanding invisible disabilities
- Creating an accessible and supportive workplace

*"This collaboration enriched our Casual Day experience and reinforced the importance of empathy, education, and inclusivity within the SDC community."*



## Word From Hennie

SDC Campus Rector

Dear Learners,

As we approach the end of another amazing year, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my deepest gratitude to our dedicated Facilitation Team, as well as to all who have played a role in supporting our greatest assets – our learners. Appreciation spraying from Sponsor Clients, Marketing and Sales, LRA, through to the behind-the-scenes efforts of Seta Entry and Learner Exits, Procurement & HR including Induction, SDC Skills Administration & Projects. Combined commitment, professionalism, and passion for developing skills have been instrumental in the shaping of successful learning journeys.

To you, our learners, thank you for your perseverance and determination throughout the year. Education is a lifelong investment, and your efforts today will open doors to countless opportunities tomorrow. We all at SDC encourage you to continue striving for excellence and to embrace every challenge as a steppingstone toward your goals and dreams. As the festive season approaches, I wish each of you a joyful Christmas filled with peace, love and happiness, time spent with loved ones, family, and friends. May the New Year bring renewed energy, growth, and success in all you set out to achieve.

We look forward to welcoming you back in 2026 to continuing your journey of learning, together we can achieve.

Let us all **Be** the Difference

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela



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## CITY OF JOHANNESBURG



### Recruitment Outreach in Alex

Through our partnership with the City of Johannesburg, the LRA team was invited to the Alex Altree Community Hall to host a presentation and exhibition for 300 local youth, primarily Grade 11 and 12 learners.

This event, facilitated by the Member of the Mayoral Committee (MMC) for Health and Social Development, provided an exciting opportunity to engage with young people about learnerships, career pathways, and future opportunities with SDC.

## SUCCESS STORIES

### Karabo

At SDC, we celebrate learners who grow both professionally and personally. One standout is Karabo, a Business Management student from Southwest Gauteng College completing her 18-month practical training with us.

After joining the **Induction Department**, Karabo quickly flourished. When her mentor went on maternity leave, she confidently stepped in as an Inductor, a moment she describes as one of her biggest highlights.

Her warm, social personality made the role feel natural. She even took on additional responsibilities, including serving as an MC at SDC's Graduation Ceremonies and capturing learner photos during induction. Karabo says she'll never forget being trusted to act in the Inductor role:

"I felt seen and valued," she shares. This experience boosted her confidence and strengthened her belief in her abilities.



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

### Ready for the Workplace? Here Are Our Employment Tips for SDC Graduates



**Consider these effective tips to get ready for the job market:**

- Revise your CV to include your learnership responsibilities, skills acquired, and notable achievements.
- Highlight your soft skills such as communication, teamwork, and time management to stand out from the crowd.
- Network with colleagues, facilitators, and peers; many opportunities arise from connections you make.
- Take on additional tasks before your learnership concludes to gain valuable experience and leave a lasting impression.
- Create or update your LinkedIn profile to showcase your skills and abilities.
- Apply for entry-level positions that align with your training, and don't be discouraged by any rejections you may face.
- Prepare for interviews by researching potential employers and practicing your responses.

## Suggestion Box

**Your voice could be the spark that inspires the next great change on campus.**

At SDC, we're always working to create a campus environment where every learner feels heard, valued, and supported. That's why we've placed a **Suggestion Box** in the canteen, a simple but powerful way for you to share your ideas, concerns, and feedback.

We want to hear from you! Whether you have a creative idea to enhance campus life, a suggestion for services, or a concept to elevate the learner experience, your feedback is invaluable. Your contributions help us grow, improve, and create an environment that genuinely meets the needs of our learners.

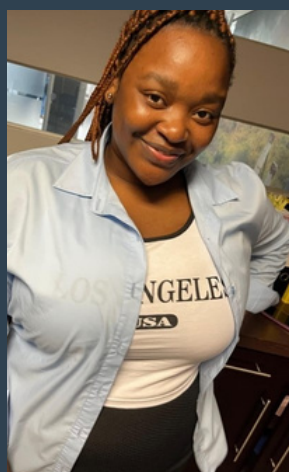


### Sandra Raletshiwa

Motlalehle Sandra Raletswitswa, a Business Administration NQF Level 3 graduate, is now thriving as an **Assistant Computer Trainer** at Siyaghubeka Computer Training, an opportunity grounded in the experience she gained at SDC. She describes SDC as a warm, supportive, and disability-inclusive environment that helped her grow with confidence.

During her workplace experience in the SDC Placement Department, Sandra gained valuable skills such as time management, public speaking, coaching learners, and working under pressure. She proudly recalls how SDC prepared her for training others, including when she successfully trained colleagues as an **Attendance Administrator**. Her journey reflects how the right environment can nurture talent and open doors to new opportunities.

Public speaking was once a challenge for Sandra, but her time in Placement helped her grow into a confident communicator. Working with people pushed her to speak up, lead, and express herself. While she enjoys her role as an Assistant Computer Trainer, she hopes for new opportunities that offer greater professional growth.



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## Wealth Field Work Agents

### #Celebrating Our Outstanding Wealth Field Representatives

Let's take a moment to recognise and celebrate our exceptional Wealth Representatives, who continue to excel in helping clients understand and access essential financial planning solutions.

We are also excited to see the passion shown by learners who demonstrate a natural talent for sales, strong interpersonal skills, and a genuine interest in the financial services industry. Those who complete their learnership successfully may have the opportunity to grow into a role within our team. If you are motivated, confident in your ability to guide clients, and eager to build a career in the financial planning environment, this could be a great opportunity to pursue.

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**SA YOUTH**

### #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!

## Entrepreneurs

### #Celebrating Growth and Entrepreneurial Spirit

At the SDC Group, we take pride in not only the development of our learners and employees but also in the entrepreneurial spirit that flourishes among us. A shining example of this is Thando Shabalala, a former SDC learner who completed her Wealth Management NQF Level 4 with us three years ago. She is now an Induction Facilitator, a dedicated changemaker, and the proud founder of her successful brand, Kganya Scents.

Thando's journey with SDC started as a learnership student, where her commitment, professionalism, and inherent ability to inspire others quickly stood out. Today, after three years as a valued member of the SDC team, she serves as an Induction Facilitator, guiding new learners with warmth, clarity, and purpose. Her passion is rooted in transforming lives, nurturing confidence, and creating opportunities, particularly for women.

### #Thando Shabalala: A Beacon of Inspiration

Beyond her impactful contributions at SDC, Thando is a proud entrepreneur. She owns **Kganya Scents**, a beautifully crafted brand that offers premium, handmade home and self-care products. Each item exemplifies her dedication to quality, elegance, and personal well-being, values that resonate deeply with her perspective on life. Thando's accomplishments extend beyond the corporate and entrepreneurial realms. She is a former Miss Soweto and was honored with the prestigious title of RSA Inspirational Model of the Year, a journey during which SDC proudly supported her through votes and marketing efforts.

Her success stands as a testament to her resilience, passion for empowerment, and ability to serve as a role model for young women nationwide. We encourage the entire SDC community to rally behind this incredible woman and her flourishing brand. You can shop Kganya Scents at: [pontshoyarona.com](https://pontshoyarona.com). Thando Shabalala embodies the true spirit of SDC: growth, courage, excellence, and innovation. Her story continues to inspire us all.



### Her product range includes:

Diffusers – R350

Scented candles – starting from R200

Bath salts – R250

## Upcoming



**SDC will be showcasing at the Empowaworx EmpowaYouth Week 2026 in the Vaal (9 - 13 March 2026)**

This event brings together organizations committed to youth empowerment, skills development, and future-focused opportunities, perfectly aligned with our mission at SDC.

**Day 1:** Health & Wellness and the Care Economy – where we will focus on workforce readiness, wellbeing, and supporting youth entering care focused fields.

**Day 2:** Tech & AI – an opportunity to highlight our digital, computer, and future-skills programmes preparing young people for the evolving world of work.

**Day 5:** Entrepreneurship – showcasing how SDC empowers learners to transform skills into enterprise, employment, and economic opportunity.

## SDC's Got Talent!

**Congratulations to all the 2025 winners, the contestants had a lot of passion, and enthusiasm.**

This day was bursting with energy, exactly what our SDC learners had been waiting for! With the auditorium packed to capacity, we witnessed a full on showcase of talent. From high-energy dance performances to heartfelt poetry, all the way to a show-stopping rap set by our winner, Dimples, who later lit up the stage again at the SDC End-Year Function.

### Congratulations to our winners:

- Dimples – Winner
- Sibusisekile – Second Place
- Cherice – Third Place



## Graduation MC Highlights

