



Motheo TVET College
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To be a visionary and
innovative provider of
excellence, responsive to
the needs of the
community, business and
industry.

2022A Year That was

MOITHUTI STUDENT NEWSLETTER

From the completion of the National Artisan Academy, to celebrating the outstanding work of the 2021 academic year, this student newsletter brings you all the exciting and worthwhile achievements and milestones that Motheo TVET College has achieved to date. In so doing we seek to reinforce the idea that you joined a progressive and innovative institution, and for that BE PROUD!



Deputy Minister, Council Chairperson, Principal and College officials at the National Artisan Academy



Maritime Diving Pool to be constructed

"Self-Belief and hard work will always
earn you success."
~~Virat Kohil~~



College Awarded PMR Africa Award

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Principal's Message: Prof. MDM Phutsisi

Greetings and Compliments of the New Season!

I trust you're good and ready to tackle 2023 with whole new energy.



It is my sincerest hope as that you have used the recess and holiday period optimally and that you have returned in the new year with fully recharged batteries as well as renewed vigor and energy.

As we enter the new year, it is our hope that we will all endeavor to engage in the spirit of openness and collegiality and to treat one another with dignity and respect.

Students of this institution of first choice, you have an equal responsibility to be a trusted Brand ambassador of Motheo amongst your peers and at your respective Campuses. Your general conduct, performance and presentation of yourself should be consistent with the values of our institution and should, at all times, represent Motheo positively.

On behalf of Executive Management, I wish you a prosperous 2023.

The student body wishes to thank the Principal of the College on having been with the institution for the past 10 years. With you at the helm of this majestic institution, we have seen great strides in learning and administration that continues to set Motheo TVET College apart from any other institution. Your continued support, endeavors for quality education and lifelong skills continue to be noticed and celebrated, and for that we can only be thankful for your undying dedication. May you continue to be a blessing that you have always been and are....

A DECADE OF EXCELLENCE!!!

THE SRC OF MOTHEO TVET 2022/2023 PLAYED IT DIFFERENT AFTER COVID-19 PANDEMIC HIT THE WORLD IN ALL ASPECTS

Under the leadership of President, Mr Thabelo Mofokeng, the SRC had a responsibility to bring back the student life to normal after the 2 years of chattering through the COVID-19 pandemic.

The current Student Representative Council, constituted of 44 members was inaugurated into term of office on 26 April 2022 at the Bloemfontein Spa Conference Hall. The College Management congratulated and wished the newly elected Council well on their leadership journey.

Student leadership is a mammoth task that requires utmost dedication and love in ensuring that students' interests are advanced. The SRC also serves as a platform where future leaders are groomed, given the opportunity to take big decisions and sharpen their abilities and overcome their personal limitations. Mr Mofokeng thanked the outgoing Council and urged the newly elected Council members to support him in serving the student population without fear or favor. He promised his Campus Chairpersons equivalent support in 7 respective Campuses and encouraged the rest of members to support them as well.



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He indicated that as youth, the council members are no strangers to the fact that the Covid-19 pandemic has brought more harm than good to their mental stability. Assertively he said;

“I want to challenge the current sitting SRC to make it a priority to

fight against depression and establish solid mental stability amongst the student population in this term of office. Ensure the revival of the extra mural activities and dig up the hidden talent within student for exposure purposes”. He further wished them a fruitful journey in their term and reminded them to serve no personal interest as the student entrusted them to advocate on their behalf in their academic journey.

The College Principal Professor MDM Phutsisi graced the event with her presence, she passed her special gratitude to the outgoing Council led by the first female President of the college, Ms Tlhoneolofatso Lema. She emphasized that indeed she will remain in the books of Motheo TVET College for she has made history. She warmly welcomed the newly elected Council as she hopes for cooperation and transparency in the term of office which is guided by the SRC Constitution, Institutional Policies and CET Act. She promised the Council nothing but full support to their ideas of improving student lives and campuses.

“ No Body Ever Said Art And Graphic Design Was For Males, It Is The Mentality We Should Fast Get Rid Of...!”



Q: Who is Thuto?

A: Thuto Nomanda (*sign*) is a beautiful 24 years old girl Visual Art & Design student at Motheo TVET College, based at Bloemfontein Campus. She is a Mosotho girl who was born and breed in Bloemfontein.

Q: When did you discover your passion?

A: I discovered my passion for Visual Art back in Primary at Batho Primary School when I was doing my Grade 3, that is when I felt a burning sensation for painting and this passion expanded as I grew older. I remember when I was at High School, I would compete with boys and did so well in it. That is where I decided this is the route I want and pursued it.

Q: Take me through your experience of being a female student in the industry

A: For me being in this industry is an “Opportunistic Disease” (*laughing*). Nobody ever said Art and Graphic Design was for males, it is the mentality we should fast get rid of as the country at large, ever since I joined the industry I have always been prioritized, this is why I call it an “Opportunistic Disease”.

Q: What are your biggest achievements that the College has exposed you to?

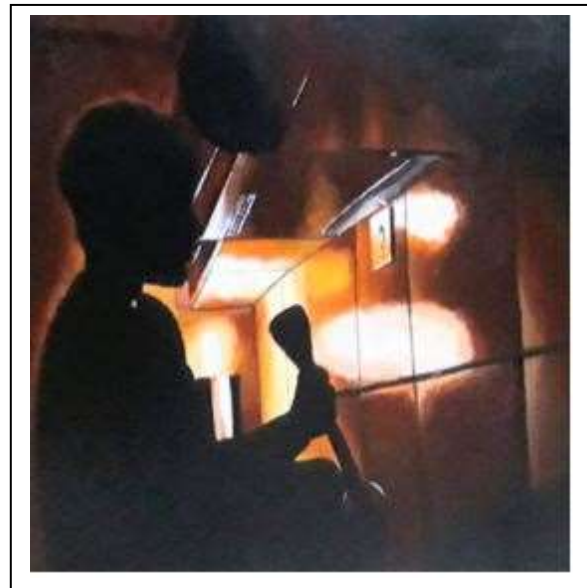
A: The highlight of this year is when I won 1st prize at COSACSA Provincial and 2nd prize at National level, for a moment I asked myself: “What if God is a woman?” Thanks to Motheo TVET College for the opportunity! I don’t even regret the sleepless nights.

Q: What is it that you wish to achieve in the near future?

A: I want to see my artwork portrayed in different museums and gaining recognition locally and abroad

Q: What would you say to women who are still afraid to pursue art?

A: Art is talent! Art is nature! Art is Godly! Go and fetch what is yours in the external world, own up space in whatever you want and regret nothing.



THANK YOU VERY MUCH THUTO, WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST IN ALL YOUR DREAMS!



HERITAGE CAREER EXPO

...A People without knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without root....."

Marcus Garvey

First ever in the history of the College, Department of Science and Innovation Technology held the Annual Heritage Career Exhibition at Motheo TVET College, National Artisan Academy



high School students with the SRC Media Officer

This was a platform for the Department to address high school learners regarding career selection and bring enlightenment as to what courses are being offered and which ones are in demand. This was infused with discussions on the importance of our heritage and how to preserve it.

The students were also given opportunity to engage with dignitaries such as Honorable Deputy Minister, Mr Buti Manamela other dignitaries.

Our very students were show casing their crafts at the event. A number of traditional games, meals and attire were presented and enjoyed.



Sesotho game morabaraba played by SRC & peer tutors



Combination of Swati and Ndebele table set up



IT WAS A DREAM COME TRUE FOR KOFFIES.

Koffiefontein Campus is one of the developing Campuses based in a small town Koffiefontein in Kopanong District. It had a solid background of male Chairpersons from olden ages until the year 2021 when the trend changed completely when Miss Karabo Mvungana was first elected the Chairlady there and Mis Laurreta Sediti succeeded her. After the reign of Covid-19 in 2022.

In response to the President's challenge Miss Sediti was the first Chairperson to react to the challenge amongst the 7 Campus Chairpersons by organizing the ball games friendly match between Motheo TVET College and Northern Cape Urban TVET College held at Koffiefontein as an initiative to address the mental instability that Covid-19 left the students with.



The two Colleges Student Population leaders together with SSS official Mr Kagiso Mengo networking

The two college leaders equipped each other with leadership skills and wished each other success in their portfolios.

Mr Thabelo Mofokeng thanked the chairlady of Koffiefontein for honoring his challenge in such a short period of time, he indicated that this heartwarming for him as the overseer of 2022/2023 SRC.



By: Koffiefontein Chairperson

"As a former Sports Officer of this Campus and an active student besides being the chairlady, I have always had a dream to make this tournament but unfortunately I could not make it a success in 2021 due to Covid-19 social restrictions. I made no mistake in 2022".

Having had this plan for a long time, as soon as I started my term of office I contacted a friend of mine in Kimberly at City Campus, we made all necessary arrangements and the match was a success.

The objective was to create relationships and to eradicate the temptation of students diverting to crime due to idleness and was the easiest movement ever with the support of Sports Officer by my side and our love for sports as a collectively.

“It is through these baby steps that we can make it to the top, talent is first embraced here...”

Deputy President Miss Masego Lephhallo congratulated the Sports Officer Mr Lehlohonolo Africa for jointly making these games a success together with rest of the council, she said this in an engagement with the Sports Officer; “It is through these baby steps that we can make it to the top, talent is first embraced here and I believe we can make a change in the student society mentally, psychological and physically.”

Among the games that the colleges competed against was soccer and netball.



Koffiefontein Campus and Northern Cape Urban TVET College netball



Koffies Soccer Coach and SRC Sports Officer: Lehlohonolo Afrika



Spectators- Students from both Colleges



I desperately needed an institution to study, but rather of I found home.

I am Mzimasi Magwasi, I'm from Lusikisiki in the Eastern Cape. I am a Mechanical Engineering student registered at Hillside View Campus. Motheo TVET College was one of the four institutions I had applied for, to further my studies after matric. After being offered space to study I wasted no time and accepted the offer and have no regrets at all.

I needed an institution to study but rather I found home. When I got to Hillside View Campus, I received a warm welcome from fellow students, Student Representative Council, Student Support Services as well as my lecturer. It indeed feels like home now and I do not regret it. It is only those random checkup calls I get from my parents that ring a bell and alert me I am far from home. It was a challenge initially to adapt to my new environment but in the end and with the friendliness of staff and students I was able to quickly adapt and overcome the uneasiness that comes with moving from one town to another.

Growing up in my childhood days, I have always been a handy little man, I made wooden cars at the age of 12. That is where I discovered my interest in Mechanical Engineering. I believe I am in the right place to thrive to make my dream of being a qualified Mechanical Engineer. I enjoy the extramural participation that the SRC exposes us to as students. We need more of it than anything for our metabolism and physical maintenance.

My ultimate wish one day is to have my own company that specializes in mechanical works. I am at the right place and thanks to Motheo TVET College, Hillside Campus for being my second home.

Motheo TVET College procures Generators.....

With the country being crippled by constant loadshedding, Motheo TVET College has made remarkable strides in ensuring that your studies are not interrupted by loadshedding. The College has since procured generators across all our learning delivery sides to ensure we have minimal disruptions due to the ongoing loadshedding...



The 11th STUDENT ACADEMIC CONFERENCE

The Student Representative Council has taken students into confidence that their academic work is at the core of their interest. The 11th Academic Conference was held under the theme “*A Starting Point of All Achievement Is Desire*”.

This conference attracted 144 students, Campus ISRC and CSRC from our 7 Campuses, college officials, DHET officials, NSFAS officials, Higher Health and Student HUB representatives.

The highlighted points during this gathering were, ways to improve the student performance in campuses, promotion of healthy lifestyle within student population, Financial Aid issues on disbursement of tuitions and allowances and on blended learning.



Delegates during the



Ms NN Khumalo: DSSS

It is at this very conference where the students were granted an opportunity to have direct contact with the external bodies of other entities with the intention to resolve any challenges.

During her message of support, Ms NN Khumalo Director Student Support Service from DHET said she is fascinated by the responsibility shown by student leaders on teaching and learning as well as the influence they have on College policies. She further affirmed that the Student Parliamentary model used in Motheo TVET College is of best practice and benchmarking by other Colleges. She applauded the open door policy and space environment created by Prof MDM Phutsisi and

the staff is ensuring the College is student oriented.

As per Motheo TVET College culture the delegates elected the Parliament Committee, this committee is the committee which the current setting SRC will report to and account to during the student Parliament. The former Parliament Speaker Mr Thabelo Mofokeng who is the current sitting President congratulated Mr Kamohelo Mosotho and his team and wished them well in their journey.

A fruitful event it was!



.... the years 2022 and 2023 have seen the College being dealt some great blows

In having to bury some of our students and staff who have untimely and sadly departed.

We are thus left with the challenge and burden of carrying their dreams and aspirations

“The last enemy that will be abolished is death.” 1 Corinthians 15:26

The College community wishes all families and friends strength and courage in dealing with such unprecedented sorrows.....

Indeed, death cannot be proud.

CASUAL DAY & HERITAGE DAY

It was a dream come true for Mr Teboho Mahuma, the Gender and Disability Officer as well as Mr Nkululeko Maselwa to have the student community celebrate the day of the differently abled students and Heritage Day at Bloemfontein Campus, Commerci Hall.

The differently abled student felt better and appreciated the initiatives of their leaders in student command. This was indicated by Mr Tankiso Khumalo during his message of support.



He said; *"We understand the angle at which abled people come from when they see us and get shocked by how we people living with disability do things. But as with any other human being we appreciate recognition, it makes us feel loved."*

He further exclaimed that it is of high importance for people to accept and understand that they are to live as inspired as with other people. He said it was a joke to him one day when a high school student once asked him, *"Le batho ba sa boneng ba palama bese?"* (do blind people use buses also?) and that is where he realised our society still needs to be educated about the disabled community.

The students from different campuses showed diversity as different games and practices from different cultures were performed.



Koffies- Mxhentso



Zastron- ho kalla



TBN- Gumboots dance

Diversity was celebrated and embraced!!

INTER-CAMPUS TOURNAMENT

It was an amazing tournament for ISRC Sports, Art and Recreation Officer Mr Nkululeko Maselwa held at Tsoseletso High School and Hillside View Campus.

Seeing students enjoy socializing, networking and playing together showers student leaders with long lasting happiness. It says a lot about their level of delivering support and dedication in serving students.



Spectators with President Mofokeng



Netball match



TBN Soccer team and Zastron

Jim Ryun once said, “Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going.”

At an engagement held at our Artisan Academy Former Premier Sefora Ntombela declared to work hand in hand with Motheo TVET College to improve the skills development programs in the Mangaung District.

During her presentation College Principal Prof MDM Phutsisi presented on how far the College has gone to fulfil its vision statement “The Gateway To Employability”. Free State Provincial Government officials were amazed by the College's achievements in everything inclusive of production, job creation, infrastructure and development in the disability unit which the College has been awarded the best in and transparency. “Indeed this is an honor under the leadership of the College Principal Professor Phutsisi,” said Former Premier Ntombela. She further acknowledged the College Council Chairperson for being the best support system to the Principal and persuaded the council to continue doing so.

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Workplace safety is of paramount importance. To this effect the College has established the Occupational Health and Safety(OHS) committee to look into matters of workplace health and safety. We're working tirelessly to attain accreditation from NOSA (National Occupational Safety Association). Students and staff have been trained, as well as the SRC on workplace safety issues. Be on the lookout for contacts details of OHS members at Campus in any event you need to report any safety related issues.....

protection

health

accident

caution

workplace hazards



Celebrating Academic Excellence

Academic excellence is a bar that all our students must strive for. We're happy for Ms Riet "Kea" who has been remarkable in her academic work. The National Students Financial Aid Scheme(NSFAS) recently honored Ms. Riet was the best performing student at its gala dinner. Ms Riet studies Electrical Engineering at our Koffiefontein Campus.....

Mr Olin, our Registrar and Ms Riet



1. Motheo TVET College YOUTUBE Learning Channel, <http://www.youtube.com/@motheotvetlearningchannel1596/videos>
2. Motheo TVET College Student Portal, www.motheo.coltech.co.za
3. Motheo TVET College Facebook Page, www.facebook.com/OfficialMotheoTVETCollege
4. South African Depression and Anxiety Group(SADAG): 0800 567 567, www.sadag.org
5. Sonke Gender Justice: National GBV Line: 0800 150 150, www.genderjustice.org.za
6. Skills for Studying, www.skillsyouneed.com/learn/study-skills.html
7. South African National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, 011 892 3829, <https://www.sancanational.info/homepage>
8. Student Support Services(SSS) Officials are readily available at Campus to assist you with any queries and concerns relating to your academic life. Please visit them at any time.



THE GERMAN VISIT.....

The German Kreishandwerkerschaft Steinfurt Warendorf visited the College with the intention to establish a meaningful and fruitful relationship with the Motheo TVET College.

The SRC, which serves as the advocating body for students' masses, was part of this engagement. Meaningful inputs were made from student leadership in this prestigious gathering. It was an honor for the College president Thabelo Mofokeng who always says in his speeches every time he addresses student masses; "Nothing for us without us". College officials were granted the opportunity to engage with Kreishandwerkerschaft Steinfurt Warendorf at Campus level to hear what interests they have at heart for their campuses and what can be done to improve Campus infrastructure. Whilst touring our Campuses, our German counterparts were made aware of the need to update our workshops, the need to market our College opportunities with surrounding communities this resulting in creating much needed skills opportunities.

"Nothing for us without us"

Mr. Mofokeng Thabelo



The partnership between the College and the Kreshandwerkerschaft Steinfurt Warendorf has officially started, and we wish the partnerships nothing but the best of luck.

PREMIER'S DIALOGUE

The Free State Provincial Government under the leadership of Former Premier Mme Sisi Ntombela sat in dialogue with the College Executive Management and the Student Representative Council to discuss achievements of the College and the shortfalls of the College with the intention of offering the necessary support.

The Free State Provincial Government promised to sponsor the College for infrastructure development and program development, help with the Artisan Academy furniture and help in making it a functional Centre. This will bring Mangaung recognition and ensure that deserving students are given a chance to complete their Trade Tests

It is at this event where Former Premier acknowledged the College Principal Prof Phutsisi our iron lady for being one of the most progressive woman in leadership. She looked back at where the College came from and where the Principal has placed it today in terms of infrastructure, academic performance and stability.

Mme Ntombela handed Prof Phutsisi and the Chairperson of College Council Adv Xuma blankets with the picture of Mme Winnie Madikizela Mandela's face printed on them. As she handed the gift to Prof Phutsisi "Indeed you are Mme Winnie of our days, carry the phenomenal face on your shoulder to be the star you are that brightens the nations", said Former Premier Ntombela.



Prof. Phutsisi with the Premier, Mme Ntombela

".....Indeed you are Mme Winnie of our days..."

She further thanked Advocate Xuma for being the best support system for Prof Phutsisi and pleaded with him to continuously support this hard working leader who is passionate and determined to see the College flag flying higher, she indicated that his support is appreciated and she still wishes more for her.....

CONSULTATIVE STUDENT GOVERNANCE

Policy Summit and 11th Student Parliament were held at Hotel Bon from the 9th to the 11th February 2023 were a success. The Policy Summit is a fundamental platform where students are given an opportunity to go through the College policies and render amendments and inputs. This ensures that student policies serve the students well and respond to their needs as the student population at large. The august house is the assembly where the Parliament Committee(PC) holds the SRC accountable.



Mr. Mosotho S- Parliament Z Committee Member

Students sat in commissions to unpack the college policies, this is where they scrutinized clauses that they do not find convenient in current state for them and had an opportunity to rephrase and change them suitably so. It is of utmost importance for students to note that this Summit is annual thus this opportunity is granted on yearly basis, thus the policy development is a recurring, lively and an ongoing process.



This conference was graced by the presence of SATVETSA National Executive Committee President Genius “*Gomora*” Tshabalala, Secretary General Wongani Mhlekezi Mgwali and also PEC Chairperson. During his speech SATVETSA President acknowledged the invite and indicated that ever since they were elected into office Motheo TVET College is the first institution that had invited them for such a gathering of students and

for such, it is an honor and a sign that their work as the NEC has begun and they are determined to serve the TVET masses across South Africa. President Genius congratulated President Thabelo Mofokeng for having shown good leadership skills and making it as the Treasurer General of SATVETSA at NEC level. 13 of the ISRC reports inclusive of the ex-officious were adopted as transparent and true reflection of the 2022/2023 SRC manifesto.

Indeed, it is delivered as promised!

CONGRADULATIONS TO 2022/2023 STUDENT LEADERSHIP



SRC COUNCIL MEMBERS OF 2022/23



2022/23 CHAIRPERSONS' LEAGUE

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