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GRADE 9 CAREER EXPO

EThekweni Municipality with its strategic partners Department of Education and University of KwaZulu-Natal hosted a Grade 9 expo at UKZN Edgewood Campus on the 13th to 16th of August 2018. Learners from 53 previously disadvantaged schools in Umlazi and Pinetown District attended.



Learners being motivated by guest speakers

The grade 9 expo provides a platform for the learners to increase their awareness and knowledge of science and also hopes to encourage them to pursue careers in Science by igniting a passion for innovation in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. The expo offered career guidance and experiments to enlighten learners to various science career paths that are available for them when they have completed grade 12 and to advise them to choose subjects in the field of Science and Mathematics.



Department of education director encouraging learners

Special guest DOE director addressed and encouraged the learners to follow their dreams and shared his journey, his passion for Mathematics and Science. There were a variety of speakers from different institutions, colleges and government departments that emphasised the importance of the points system and entrance requirements for the learners when they reach grade 12. They also gave valuable information about career options at various university and colleges while Dr T Reinhardt and other UKZN Science Departments wowed learners with the science experiments.



Dr T Reinhardt demonstrating science experiments to the learners

Exhibitors and women in engineering motivated learners to pursue career fields within the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, in an attempt to address the shortage of qualified professionals within these fields especially for women. Pamphlets were handed out to the learners.



Exhibitor explaining available career paths in science field

Exhibitors that attended:

- Mangosuthu University of Technology
- University of Kwazulu-Natal
- Durban University of Technology
- Department of Education
- EThekweni College
- EThekweni Municipality: E-Careers
- EThekweni Electricity
- Citrus Academy
- EThekweni Academy
- EThekweni Libraries
- CSIR
- KRISP
- IKAMVA Youth



Awarded Winners

Learners were also given an opportunity to participate in fun activities and educational activities. Winners were awarded.