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ETHEKWINI YOUTH EMPLOYABILITY AND KZN CAREER EXPO 2018

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The unemployment rate among the youth is higher irrespective of education level, but those with less than matric were more likely to experience serious challenges when seeking employment. KZN Career Expo 2018 aimed at showcasing and informing pupils and student about career opportunities with joint initiative of the eThekweni Municipality, Durban ICC, eThekweni Maritime Cluster and Independent Media .The event was also aimed at addressing youth unemployment challenges and provide young people a platform to empower themselves with abundance opportunities available in the KwaZulu-Natal province.

Indaba and career expo featured a career expo component to help connect youth to employment opportunities, career information, scholarships, enterprise support programmes and bursary information. The conference was attended by 90 exhibitors showcasing what their organisations are offering. Theory they have learned. This will enable the country to generate a skills pool that can be absorbed in big industries.



Part of the panel discussion on health science facilitated by Nompilo Nani from eThekweni municipality.

The discussion chaired by Nompilo Nani a project officer at the eThekweni Municipality featured the offering of the University of KwaZulu-Natal, College of Health Science. Public relations manager for the college explained the requirement prospects and what each of their course entails. While medicine and nursing were the best known qualification, sports science was becoming increasingly popular. She further stated that University had free career counselling and more detailed psychometric testing at a cost " We also go out particularly to lower quartile, rural schools to provide as much

information about the college as possible” she said. Professor from School of Medicine encouraged learners from rural areas to apply, to work hard and surround themselves with positive people in order to succeed. “You can be anything in life as long as you are determined. It’s not about the money, it’s about passion and the drive.”



Panel discussion on sports careers Alan Cark, Ronnie Moroka, Mpho Dintwa and Michail Morton directed by Brilliant Mkhathini.

While sport sciences are a must for career as a player, sports medicine, sport psychology and sport management. Compassion and curiosity are also key to success in football. Michail Morton shared the path of becoming a professional player and challenges in football. He explain that in soccer it about right skills and passion. The life span in soccer is 10 year that a player spends in the field .If you want to become a professional player pupils should attend trials in club developments. He further advice youth that life is too short in football and you should be careful on how you conduct yourself as you represent the club, the way you conduct yourself determine your future, as every club want to be

associated with represented player, drugs and alcohol are the most threat in football and it has killed many talented player, he said. Mpho Dintwa highlighted few career in sport science that leaner can choose to do in University: sport administrator, sport coach, exercise physiologist, fitness centre manager, sport therapist and sport development officer.



EThekweni Maritime cluster Training and Skills Development representative

Learners were encouraged to work harder on scoring good marks on their major subjects which is science and mathematics. This is because of viable opportunities within the field of Maritime requirements that demand these subjects. FET collages that offer short courses in line with industry were highlighted. She further encourages students to pursue their future careers in the maritime field. This information session entails presenting job market opportunities, possible careers within the maritime field and bursary opportunities. She explained the role of EMC as a mediator for people and the industry. She further outlined the role of EMC in assisting with development of curriculum with institutions that offers maritime and job markets.



Mrs Veena Naidoo from EThekweni Municipality Office of Deputy City Manager: support services.

Veena informed learners about numerous opportunities which eThekweni Municipality offers to the youth of the City from the bursary opportunities to the in-service training that eThekweni offers to high-flying learners. The learners were encouraged to consider engineering as a career path as this is a scarce skill in the City. She also screen DVD my world of the engineering that enlightened how you go about obtaining bursary and internship within EThekweni Municipality.



CASME and Grade 12s doing experience on popup-science lab

Today's young people continue the struggle for quality education. Many of them face the challenge of learning mathematics and science without the use of basics technology. 60 learners from different school were fortunate enough to have chance to transform theory into practical where they were doing experiments and answer potential exam questions.



EThekweni Municipality representatives

Approximate 18000 youth attended the eThekweni Youth Employment Indaba and

KZN Career Expo which will be hosted in the next two years. Youth were more clinical on knowing the opportunities that is available within the City and the process that followed when applying for jobs. EThekweni

Municipality's Deputy City Manager for Corporate and Human Resources Cluster, Dumisile Nene said empowering young people with skills and knowledge in various occupations is crucial for youth to find jobs needed by the economy. "The City's commitment to strengthen partnerships with private sector and higher learning institutions will continue to uplifting the youth," said Nene.

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