

# Langeni News

Official newsletter of Elangeni College

## WELCOMING WORDS FROM THE RECTOR



MR. SM Mbill  
Rector: Elangeni College for FET Colleges

Dear valued member

I am deeply honoured to welcome our valued staff members and students. We have themed 2010 as the "Year of working together to achieve academic excellence and improvement of academic results"

While South Africans will enjoy the legacy of the 2010 world cup for many generations to come, the college commits itself to providing students with a legacy of quality public education that ensures a better life for all.

The only prize we can give to our valued students of Elangeni and the historically marginalized citizens of South Africa is a quality of service that will give South Africa, our beloved country, a better position in Africa and the World.

I would like to remind all of you that the college, being part of South Africa, has adopted the non negotiables as pronounced by the President of the Country. In this regard we expect all:

- "lecturers to be at work on time everyday, in class on time, no abuse of students, well prepared for their lectures and delivering quality education and training"
- " support staff to be at work on time everyday supporting the provision of quality public education and serve citizens of this country with honour and pride"
- "managers to be at work on time everyday providing leadership and management, necessary resources and enabling

*environment for the provision of quality public education and training"*

One of the pillars of any Developmental State is the willingness of its youth to take charge of their future by allowing themselves to get quality education and respecting the authority of the institution at all times and the willingness of public servants to serve the people of the country with dignity and pride. This is a prerequisite for a people centered state and a people driven government.

The extension of loving the country and its people will start with taking pride in your work, colleagues, management and the college. A platform for raising your views and contributions will be given to you in various forms.

The college views its human resources as the most precious resource for the organization to succeed and it students as primary client who determines the existence of the college. I take pride in managing, leading an employee of your caliber and in having a student of your caliber in near future.

Before I conclude I would like you to familiarize yourself with the vision, mission and core values of the college as stated below:

#### **Vision:**

To be a self reliant, Further Education and Training College that provides meaningful Education and Training.

#### **Mission Statement:**

Through a shared vision, the College will develop centres of excellence and partnerships that will enable the provision of a core business that adheres to the philosophy of FET Colleges.

#### **Core Values:**

- Integrity
- Respect
- Honesty
- Transparency
- Accountability
- Loyalty
- Strong Work Ethic
- Continuous Improvement

I wish you all the best in your endeavor to take this colleges from strength to strength in 2010.

Yours in Quality Public Education 

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Sbongile Ntimba and Zama Mbatha of Pinetown campus sharing their tart recipe with Filton College on web camera.

## GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK

Elangeni FET College was fortunate to be invited by Filton College in the UK to share South African recipes with the world in the Global Entrepreneurship week from 16 to 20 November 2009. Students had to come up with a recipe for a global recipe book, which will be accessed via the internet.

This initiative involved a number of schools and colleges around the world and aimed at raising funds for charities, one being UNICEF. The recipe book will be sold to staff, parents and students at an event hosted by Filton College.

Pinetown Campus students (Sbongile Ntimba and Zama Mbatha) chose to share a milk tart recipe as their contribution to the week

## OUTREACH PROGRAMME

Pinetown Campus took an initiative to send a message that they care to the Streetwise children. This was done through an outreach event where children from Streetwise Durban were hosted by the campus. Streetwise Durban is a home for boys taken from the streets and violent homes.

On the day, children got involved in indoor activities that were prepared for them. Twenty of the boys out of 40 from the home attended. The aim of this event was to bring about hope to the children, that they still have family in society even though some have lost their biological family members. These boys were encouraged to make good friends with their books in order to build their future



Babhekile Ngcobo (PTN campus - SLO) with one of the boys from Streetwise Durban Home.



Children from Streetwise Durban that attended the outreach event.

## ASSESSOR TRAINING WORKSHOP

Elangeni College for FET hosted an Assessor Training workshop from 08-10 February 2010. The workshop was held at Central Office and Pinetown campus on different days.

This workshop was initiated by the Human Resource Unit and they were sponsored by ETDP SETA. Attendees were from central office and campuses. This workshop was informative and challenging at the same time, as the trainees had to compile portfolios which were going to be assessed. To determine if people who attended were competent to be assessors. The training was a success and at the end all parties involved were found competent



Elangeni College Rector: Mr. S.M. Mbili with Ethekwini Municipality at the certificate award ceremony that took place at Central Office. They were awarded certificates after completing a brick laying course at Mpumalanga campus and KwaMashu campus.

## THEKWINI MUNICIPALITY GRADUATION

In February 2009, the college was approached by Thekwini Municipality to offer civil programmes to their employees. An orientation was held with about 35 employees at Ntuzuma Campus. Bricklaying, Plumbing, Electrical and Carpentry courses were discussed. Information regarding course fees and campuses offering these courses was forwarded to Thekwini Municipality HR offices. In August 2009, a list of names was forwarded to Curriculum and learners registered at Mpumalanga and Ntuzuma campuses.

These learners attended for thirteen Saturdays and did a bricklaying skills course. Training was very successful for the learners and they were certified on 02 December 2009. The learners were happy with their training and they wish to continue training in other skills programmes in 2010



# LGSETA/Ndwedwe Municipality and Elangeni FET College graduation



Elangeni College Rector Maxwell Mbill delivering his speech during the LG SETA graduation ceremony.




Ndwedwe Campus Manager Mr W.V. Zulu welcoming the guests on the graduation day.



Elangeni College Rector: Maxwell Mbill awarding a certificate to a student. Standing next to him is Ndwedwe Mayor Sthembisio Kubheka.



LG SETA graduates on the big day at Ndwedwe campus.

The Ndwedwe Municipality and Elangeni FET College partnered in August 2009. LGSETA had funded the Municipality to train employees in Community House Building. Training began on August 21, 2009 and ended on 8 December 2009. There were 100 learners who initially registered and the College had certified 95 learners at the close of the project. A Graduation ceremony was held on 24 February 2010 where the key role players attended. The Mayor of Ndwedwe, The Rector of Elangeni, the KZN Regional Manager of LGSETA, the Director of Ndwedwe Municipality were present. This has been a very successful project and the Municipality has shown great interest in wanting Elangeni FET to be their primary service provider in Education and Training 



Zanele Mchunu, L3 Office Administration student donated blood to the Blood Bank when they visited Pinetown campus on 18 March 2010



Ward 5 youth who attended the Youth Summit.




Pastor Hadebe motivating students during the Youth Summit

## NDWEDWE YOUTH SUMMIT

Ndwedwe Youth Summit was the initiative of Ndwedwe campus and Ndwedwe Municipality, aimed at encouraging more to register at campus. This campaign was also for the municipality to award potential students bursaries to study at the college. The municipality's aim is to get more of Ndwedwe youth educated. During the tour wards were visited:

- Ward 11
- Ward 19
- Ward 1
- Ward 2
- Ward 5

Pastor Hadebe and members of Future Leaders motivated the youth to start their own businesses. They also provided career guidance counselling 



Future leaders and SIFE members during the Youth Summit



# ALUMNI: KEEPING IN TOUCH

**C**lass Notes is a collection of short biographies sent to us by alumni, highlighting their personal and professional achievements. Through these notes, an alumnus keeps in touch and find old friends.

## 1990s

He completed his Matric during in 1994 at Inanda Comprehensive and the year after, he studied Motor Trade Theory (N1) with Ntuzuma Technical College, now known as Elangeni FET College. In 1996, he furthered his studies at Mangosuthu Technikon doing a National Diploma in Mechanical Engineering.

In 1999 he joined Shell & BP. During 2000, he joined Federal Mogul Valves Automotive Factory as a Process Controller and a year later he was appointed as a Health and Safety Representative and received training at Damelin College.

In 2002, he was appointed as Quality Inspection Auditor until October 2005 and in the year 2003 he completed a Total Quality Management qualification with University Of South Africa. From the leadership skills that he obtained in these positions, he ended up becoming a Shop Steward of NUMSA, he worked as a Draughtsman at Federal Mogul from 2005 to 2008 and also as a Quality Assurance Technician with Tedalex Appliances situated in Westmead, in KwaZulu-Natal,



Alumni Member: Mr. Mzamo Mbatha

Former Chairperson of Imbaliyamazulu Student Governing Body, Former Treasurer of Inanda Ward 54 Youth League, member of eThekweni Transport Forum, he has been conducting monthly workshops and motivational talks at a ward level since October 2003, to date.

He currently plays a pivotal role in community development activities, being a Ward Secretary and Convener of Roads Transportation & Infrastructure and the Exco Deputy Chairperson of Elangeni College Alumni Association. He is also serving as Deputy Chairperson of the Sivananda Skills Centre where he hopes to bridge cultural boundaries between Phoenix and Inanda.

He has enrolled for a marriage officer course and intends studying towards being a Commissioner of Oaths. Among other things, he is also involved in writing motivational articles for newspapers within INK (Inanda Ntuzuma Kwa-Mashu).

He is currently working as an Engineering and Mathematics Lecturer of the Elangeni FET College, also involved in the School Governing Body of Inanda Comprehensive as a Treasurer.

He would enjoy hearing from his former classmates and friends from the College



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Hospitality Senior Lecturer Carol Cuthbert is leaving the college for greener pastures after a wonderful 19 years of service to Elangeni FET College.

## 2010 PROGRAMMES GRADUATION

**T**he 2010, Programmes project was sponsored by the KwaZulu Natal Department Of Education. The purpose of this project was to equip local community members with knowledge and skills that will enable them to get jobs during 2010 FIFA World Cup and beyond.

This project is one of the government strategies to reduce the unemployment level through equipping people with skills in plumbing, motor mechanic and general maintenance. These skills will also enable people to start their own businesses and contribute to the country's economy.



The hall was packed with graduates.

In 2009 approximately 350 people were enrolled by the Elangeni FET College at all campuses and 252 students were found competent at the end of the project. On 12 December 2009 a certificate ceremony was held at KwaMashu Campus hall. In February 2010, a third group will resume their classes at Ntuzuma campus



## TEACHER SUPPORT NETWORK PROPOSAL


The aim of the network is to provide support to new lecturers (2 years and under) where they will be mentored by senior staff preferably senior lecturers and HOD's. Two mentors will be selected per campus who will facilitate such meetings. The network team will conduct random visits to all sites for support. This will involve assistance in terms of 40 week plans, POA/POE management, classroom management and all NCV related matters. Meetings will be conducted once a week where periods will be reduced by 5 minutes to accommodate an hour lunch that will be used for this meeting. During this period students will be occupied with student support activities such as planning for student development, sports, cultural, recreation and social activities with SSS.

### BENEFITS FOR THE COLLEGE

- Minimal queries during POA/POE audits.
- Sharing of best practice.
- Development of competent staff.
- Solution to the problem of 40 week plans being outstanding until almost the end of the year in some cases.
- Information Sharing: Assessments, exams, projects and sharing of resources.


### TEACHER SUPPORT NETWORK TEAM

This initiative will be driven by 3 units:

- HR - To spearhead and oversee the process.
- Quality - Monitoring and Evaluation.
- Curriculum - To deal with curriculum matters that might arise from network meetings 

## 2010 HOSPITALITY SERVICES

The 2010 FIFA Soccer World Cup is only a few weeks away and Elangeni College for FET is fortunate to be participating; by incorporation with Community Services' CC invitation.

The students will get a chance to work as waiters, ushers and chefs during the event. The college sees this opportunity as a good one for its students, since it will expose them to the actual work environment. It will also provide them with the necessary experience in the field of Hospitality. By the time they complete their course, they will know exactly what to expect in this field 

# SMME: SMALL MEDIUM MICRO ENTERPRISE



SMME group at Pinetown Campus on their last day.

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Economic Development and Tourism is mandated to develop and grow the economy of KwaZulu Natal. The Department of Economic Development and Tourism identified a need for a well structured empowerment programme aimed at providing capacity building to

SMME so as to contribute to:

- Job creation
- Poverty alleviation
- Income generation
- Resource mobilisation

The Department of Economic Development and Tourism identified FET Colleges in KZN as appropriate institutions to deliver training.

## SECURITY SHELTER PROJECT

NCV Civil Engineering Construction (L4) students of Ntuzuma campus were given an opportunity to put into practice what they had learned by building a slab for the security shelter at Central Office.



Back Row from Left: Mr. Chilliza (Civil Engineering Lecturer), Mncedisi Cele, Sindi Zwane, Nosihle Mpungose, Themba Gazu.  
Front Row from left: Ntuthuko Khuboni, Khanyi Mchunu, Thami Duma.

The programme is divided into two phases for the duration of one month:


**Phase 1 - Business Management Theory**

**Phase 2 - Technical Skills, Computer Training**

A group of learners from KwaNdengezi in the Pinetown area benefited from the programme. One of the students Sizwe Sithole who owns a building construction company found the course helpful because of the following skills he acquired, which he will implement in his business:

- Writing business proposals and business letters
- Communication
- Leadership
- Generating of a bankable business plan
- Spreadsheets
- PowerPoint
- Internet /email

During the programme, students compile a Portfolio of Evidence (POE) and it is submitted towards the end of the programme. POE's are audited by Assistant Director Curriculum in conjunction with an audit team.

Thereafter, they are submitted to the Department of Economic Development and Tourism. Ms Nomangwane Tshabalala, a freelance facilitator is confident students who have undergone this programme will be able to apply the skills that they have acquired in their own businesses and they will make it in the business world 



# CAMPUS INDUCTION

# 2010 SRC CAMP AT BABANANGO VALLEY LODGE

The induction went very well in all campuses; it was done over a period of 3 - 4 days, to make it more informative and understandable to our students. Committees were formed in order to assist and Student Liaison Officers handled their own campus inductions. The focus was on sharing the College Mission and Vision, explaining the Student Code of Conduct, Student Support Services: Academic support (Tutorials/Winter school/Plato); counselling service, extra mural activities, exit opportunities. POE/POA's, 80% DP System, SRC (roles and responsibilities), DoE /College bursaries, Campus Tours were discussed and Banks were also invited to assist students in the opening of bank accounts and explaining the importance of saving. Partners, SANCA and Newlands Park Centre who did presentations on Drug and Substance Abuse also attended. Students were also encouraged and motivated to join Peer Educator programmes and different sporting activities, so as to promote a healthy lifestyle.

### Induction dates were as follows:

- Mpumalanga 15 - 18 February
- Pinetown 16 - 18 February
- Qadi 15 - 18 February
- KwaMashu 22 - 26 February
- Ntuzuma 22 - 26 February
- Ndwedwe 22 - 26 February



**Alumni Officer:** Sihle Nzuza addressing students during the induction that took place at Ndwedwe Campus.




Last day of induction at Ndwedwe Campus.

The SRC camp took place during the month of love, 19 - 21 February 2010 at Babanango Valley Lodge. Elections for 2010 SRC Executive Committee took place on Saturday 20 February 2010.

### Before elections, students participated in Team Building activities such as:

- Political fields
- Breaking out of prison
- Alpha birth bar
- Spider's web
- Drum role
- Leading the blind
- Stalk the lantern
- The night sky
- Solitaire
- Group dynamics
- Leading skills

These activities were aimed at building the team and encouraging the members to work together. The elections were handled by IEC to make sure that the elections were fair. The College now has SRC Exco members to preserve and promote the interests of the students. Their function is to work closely with the Student Support Lecturers on campus and to set guidelines for effective operation in office 



Vincent Luthuli inserting his ballot papers in a ballot box during elections.



College SRC Exco for Campuses.



IEC team members were there to make sure that elections were free and fair.



Some of the SLO's and SRC members who attended the camp.



Some of the students and College staff enjoying some of the games they played at the camp.



# ELANGENI COLLEGE FOR FET 2010 SRC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



**Ms Busisiwe Nsizwane**  
SRC Exco President  
(Mpumalanga Campus)



**Miss Lungile Ngcobo**  
Deputy President  
(Qadi Campus)



**Miss Zinhle Chili**  
Secretary  
(Mpumalanga Campus)



**Mr Siphesihle Shabalala**  
Treasurer  
(Qadi Campus)



**Mr Philangenkosi Mkhwanazi**  
Events Organizer  
(Mpumalanga Campus)



**Miss Londiwe Khumalo**  
Outreach Officer  
(Qadi Campus)


## T-SHIRT COMPETITION WINNER



*T-shirt competition winner Simo Ndlovu of Ndwedwe campus*

**S**imo Ndlovu is a 20 year old, originally from Pietermaritzburg. He is an artist and he enjoys drawing cartoons and clothing designs, which is why he chose Civil engineering as a career.

He enjoys his course, because it involves a lot of drawing and his favourite subjects are Technical Drawing, Planning and Masonry. He gets his inspiration from Hip Hop music since he's an artist himself.

He has tried to show off his work to celebrities and some of them have promised to look at his work, but he has had no luck so far. His main purpose now is to complete his studies 

## SOCCER FEVER



*Tourism students: N. Hlengwa, T. Tembe and N. Nkala were very excited about the world cup; they strongly believe that South Africa (Bafana Bafana) will make it in the FIFA World Cup.*



# DO NOT MAKE STUDENT LIFE BORING!!!

## SIGN UP FOR THURSDAY'S EXTRAMURAL / STUDENT DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Language Development	Sports
• Reading Clubs	• Soccer
• Debate Clubs	• Ladies Soccer
• Poetry & Drama	• Netball
• Music / Choir	• Volley Ball
	• Chess
Social & Life Skills	SRC COMMITTEES @ WORK
• Peer Education Programme	• Sports & Recreation
• Life Skills Workshops	• Outreach Programme
• Talks from various guests (Will be advertised)	• Events Organizing
• SCM	• Gender, Education & Safety
	• Health and Safety

## 2010 ELANGENI SOCCER CHALLENGE PINETOWN CAMPUS

The Tourism department has decided that the Pinetown Campus needs to get into "the real feel" of the 2010 World Cup Soccer Tournament.

### THE AIM OF THE CHALLENGE


To complete the Diski Dance with 10 candidates from different levels of your programme (e.g. NCV L2/3/4 - Office Admin) - the group is to represent two different soccer teams.

### RULES

- The group of 10 students is to be made up from all three levels of your programme.
- The group of 10 students is to be divided up into 2 groups of 5 students - each representing the colours of 2 soccer teams that will be meeting during the tournament.

- You are to make your dance as festive, colourful, and as enjoyable as possible. Design flags, use any necessary props, and make traditional hats.
- 1 class rep will receive and sign for a DVD showing the steps of the dance
- so you can start practising as soon as possible.

### THE DRAW

The draw of soccer teams to be represented by the dance group will take place in the Hall on: Thursday 18 March 2010 at break - 11:30. The challenge will take place on Thursday 3 June - 11:30. There are great prizes for each member of the winning team 

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