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VISION

A pioneering center of excellence through world class innovation, education and training.

MISSION

To deliver cutting-edge education and training that anticipates future industry needs, encourages critical thinking, and promotes excellence in innovation, research, and enterprise.

VALUES

At Coastal TVET College we are guided by the following values which are important to us as an organisation:

Leadership: We value leadership in directing performance of others in the TVET sector and leading the way.

Teamwork: Our employees work as a team and value the contributions of each individual. We know that our people are our most important resource.

Pioneering: Responsive to new trends, industrial demands and training needs through innovation.

Accountability: All college employees are accountable for their deliverable.

Social Responsibility: Ability to reach out to our fellow community members and render support where it is possible.

Commitment: We are committed in responding to the training and development needs of our broader community.

Integrity: Employees demonstrate honesty, sound moral and strong ethical principles at the work place.

Respect: Upholding human dignity amongst colleagues, clients and stakeholders.

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

We are thrilled to present another vibrant issue brimming with inspiring stories of growth, celebration, and the impactful contributions made by our community at Coastal KZN TVET College. In this edition, readers will find a warm Message from the Principal and an insightful Message from the Editor, which sets the tone for the remarkable achievements and events we are eager to share.

This issue shines a spotlight on some of the most unforgettable moments within our college, including our impressive performance at the 2025 KZN TVET Arts and Culture Festival, where students showcased their creative talents, leaving a lasting impression on attendees. We also take immense pride in reflecting on the joy of hosting a Graduation Ceremony that honored the hard work and dedication of our Engineering and Business students, celebrating their accomplishments with families, faculty, and friends.

Furthermore, we highlight inspiring initiatives such as our partnership with UMshwathi Municipality, which aims to provide new and exciting opportunities for their Carpentry learners, enhancing their skills and prospects in the trades. Our heartfelt commitment to community service was prominently displayed during Mandela Day, as all our campuses united to dedicate 67 minutes to giving back, embodying the spirit of service and social responsibility.

Among other key highlights, we recount the recent visit by representatives from the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) along with the Department of Labour to our Hammarsdale campus, focusing on improving workforce readiness and ensuring that our students are well-equipped for future challenges.

The excitement of our Digital Hub Launch at the Durban Campus marked a significant step forward in integrating technology with education, further enhancing the learning experience for our students. We also featured the dynamic SRC Induction program, which welcomed newly elected student leaders and set the stage for future student engagement and empowerment.

We take pride in celebrating excellence through the prestigious Swinton Staff Award, recognizing those who go above and beyond in their commitment to student success and institutional growth. In addition, we are actively promoting safety through our Gender-Based Violence awareness campaign, fostering a safe and supportive environment for all members of our college community. Our student sports activities are also captured in this edition, reflecting the vibrant energy and teamwork that defines life at Coastal KZN TVET College.

Stay informed, inspired, and connected with us as we continue to build a stronger, more dynamic Coastal KZN TVET College community newsletter. Your engagement and support are vital as we embrace our journey together.

Annual Performance Report (APR) Council Chairperson Message

Council Chairperson | Dr S Nzimande



The development of this Annual Performance Report (APR) for Coastal KZN TVET College is guided by the College's 2025–2029 Strategic Plan. This report is fully aligned with the Department's policy priorities, relevant legislative frameworks and the National Development Plan 2030.

As the Council of CKZN, we submit this Annual Performance Report to the Minister of Higher Education for consideration and approval. CKZN remains mindful of the socio-economic challenges facing the country, namely poverty, inequality and unemployment. The slow growth of the economy presents further challenges and in response, the College seeks to intensify its efforts to address these social and economic concerns.

Following the TVET strategic outcomes, the college aligned its plans with the 6th Administration priorities and focused on the following:

Strategic Outcome 1: Expanded Access to TVET Opportunities

The College prioritised increasing access to quality vocational education and training, particularly for youth and disadvantaged communities.

Strategic Outcome 2: Improved Success and efficiency of TVET systems

Enhanced academic support, lecturer development and teaching methodologies have been central to improving retention, pass rates and graduate output.

Strategic Outcome 3: Improved quality of TVET College provision

The College has strengthened its governance through the establishment of a fully constituted council and respected committees.

Strategic Outcome 4: Improved responsiveness of TVET colleges to the world of work

Programs tailored to meet evolving industry needs and local economic priorities, ensuring that graduates possess relevant skills for employability and entrepreneurship. Through this report, the Council reaffirms its commitment to accountable governance and its vision for a college that actively contributes to national development and social transformation.

“This annual performance report for Coastal KZN TVET College has considered the Departments policy priorities, the priorities of the GNU and National Development Plan. This report will further focus on the following national strategic outcomes:

Expanded access to TVET college opportunities; improved success and efficiency of TVET systems; improved quality of TVET college provision, and improved responsiveness of TVET colleges to the world of work. The annual report has been prepared following the guidelines issued by the Department of Higher Education and Training.

The Annual Financial Statement is in the process of being prepared following relevant standards, frameworks and guidelines issued by the National Treasury.

Message from (A) Principal Mrs IT Msimang on Annual Performance Report



(A) Principal | Mrs IT Msimang

Responsibility for Annual Financial Statements

As the Accounting Officer, I am responsible for the preparation of the annual financial statements and the judgements made in this document. I am also responsible for establishing and implementing a system of internal control that has been designed to provide reasonable assurance as to the integrity and reliability of the performance information, human resources information and the annual financial statements. I am confident that this annual report provides a fair and accurate representation of Coastal KZN TVET College's performance and financial position. I am committed to ensuring the transparency and accountability of our institution's operations and financial management.

As the Accounting Officer, I commit myself and the resources of the college to achieving the strategic outputs and targets outlined in this report. I am confident that our collective efforts have yielded tangible results, driving growth, development and success for our students, staff, and the broader community.

In conclusion, this annual performance report reflects Coastal KZN TVET College's unwavering commitment to advancing the national priorities set out by the Department of Higher Education and Training, the Government of National Unity and the National Development Plan. Through focused efforts to expand access, enhance quality, improve institutional efficiency and align our programmes with the evolving demands of the labour market, we have made meaningful progress toward our strategic goals.

This report not only highlights our achievements over the past year but also reinforces our dedication to transparency, accountability and continuous improvement. As we look ahead, we remain committed to strengthening the college's impact on student success, community development and economic transformation.

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SRC President's Message to Students: Introduction of the 2025 Committee

SRC President | Mr BE Shozi

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Dear Students of Coastal KZN TVET College, It is with great pride and humility that I take this opportunity to introduce the newly elected Student Representative Council (SRC) Committee for the year 2025. As your SRC President, I am honoured to lead this dedicated team, chosen by you, the student body, to represent your voice, your needs, and your dreams.

Each member of the SRC has been elected because you believe in their ability to lead, advocate, and work with college management on matters that affect all of us. Together, we are committed to promoting a campus culture that is respectful, inclusive and focused on student development.

As we begin this journey together, I want to remind each one of us of the importance of discipline and the duty we have to uphold the image of Coastal KZN TVET College. We are not just students; we are ambassadors of this institution wherever we go. Let us carry ourselves with dignity, respect and a strong sense of purpose. If there is anything you do not understand, any challenge or concern your face, my office is open to you. Do not hesitate to visit. The door is always open for respectful dialogue, guidance and support.

The SRC is here to ensure that your voice is heard and that all student matters are addressed constructively with the college management. We do not take this responsibility lightly. Our mission is to advocate effectively and responsibly, maintaining open lines of communication and mutual respect.

We encourage every student to participate actively in college life, whether through sports, clubs, academic support programs, or community initiatives. When your mind and energy are focused on growth and development, you create the foundation for academic success and a healthier, more balanced life.

As leaders and peers, we must provide guidance to one another. Let us be a source of support and advice, especially to those who are new to the college or facing challenges. By working together and uplifting each other, we strengthen our community and push each other to greater heights.

On behalf of the 2025 SRC, I thank you for your trust. Let us build a stronger, more united student body. Let's work hand in hand, with integrity and focus, for a successful and fulfilling academic year.

Coastal KZN TVET College (A) Principal China visit

Mrs. I.T. Msimang, Acting Principal of Coastal KZN TVET College, completed a five-day visit to China representing KwaZulu-Natal's TVET sector, resulting in promising prospects for the future development of regional TVET colleges.

On July 7, 2025, Mrs. IT Msimang, the Acting Principal of Coastal KZN TVET College, embarked on a transformative five-day visit to China. During her stay, she participated in a series of impactful discussions with a diverse group of stakeholders, including government officials, industry leaders, and educators from the Chinese delegation, all of whom are integral to the country's robust industrial sector. This visit emphasized the enhancing synergy between Chinese industry giants and the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) sector, showcasing the potential for dynamic partnerships.

In stark contrast to the challenges faced in establishing industry collaborations within South Africa, this experience illuminated the vast opportunities that exist for creating meaningful alliances that could provide invaluable experiences and pathways for students.

As a direct and exciting outcome of this productive visit, Coastal KZN TVET College is thrilled to announce plans to send 37 students to China this September for practical training. This initiative is designed specifically to elevate the students' skill sets and immerse them in real-world applications of their academic studies.

Furthermore, discussions during the visit unveiled China's groundbreaking advancements in the electric vehicle (EV) industry, positioning the nation as a premier leader in sustainable transportation solutions. The country's strategic focus on electric vehicles over traditional petrol-powered alternatives not only underscores its commitment to innovation and environmental stewardship but also offers an extraordinary educational opportunity for our students.

They will have the rare chance to witness first-hand the latest cutting-edge technologies, engage with industry experts and gain insights that could shape their future careers in engineering, sustainable development and technology.

This collaborative venture aims not only to enhance the educational experience for KZN TVET College students but also to foster a broader understanding of global industrial trends and practices.

In conclusion, Mrs. IT Msimang's visit to China, representing KZN Province, was a significant experience for our region. It provided us with valuable insights into the rapidly evolving Chinese industrial landscape. This initiative was motivated by our commitment to equipping our students with access to cutting-edge technology and enhancing their practical skills in sectors that are increasingly in demand.

Mrs. IT Msimang, the Acting Principal, described her trip to China as exceptionally fruitful. She engaged with industry leaders and educators, establishing crucial connections that will facilitate internship opportunities and collaborative projects for our students. These interactions are set to open numerous doors, providing our learners with hands-on experience and exposure to the latest advancements in technology and innovation. Ultimately, this experience is not just about exposure; it's about empowering our students to thrive in a competitive global environment.



UMshwathi Municipality Carpentry Learners

On 9 February 2025, a vibrant farewell meeting was held at the Umshwathi Municipality to send off 30 exceptionally talented learners embarking on an exciting new journey in carpentry training at Coastal KZN TVET College. The event led by the Honourable Mayor Cllr GM Zondi was a remarkable occasion that signified the dawn of an important new chapter in the lives of these learners.

The meeting commenced with the UMshwathi Municipality Manager Mr. NM Mabaso who expressed immense pride and enthusiasm for the students who will represent UMshwathi Municipality at Coastal KZN TVET College. Mr. Mabaso confidently asserted that the learners must seize this opportunity to shine not only for their local community but also for the 14 wards of Umshwathi Municipality. He highlighted the critical significance of the six-month training course expressing strong belief that it will pave the way for an incredibly bright future for the learners.

Mr. S. Mngoma the Managing Director of the National Applications Centre (NAC) also delivered an empowering message of support for the learners. He emphasized the transformative power of carpentry training explaining that it will unlock numerous career opportunities and foster personal growth. Mr. Mngoma reflected on the journey that brought everyone to this pivotal moment, noting how the partnership between Coastal KZN TVET College and Umshwathi Municipality was forged after the Honourable Mayor visited the college where he recognized its outstanding facilities. This collaboration was solidified with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) marking a powerful alliance dedicated to skills development and community empowerment. Mr. Mngoma confidently encouraged the students to embrace their training with an open mind and to fully capitalize on the skills they will acquire. He highlighted the significance of these opportunities which can pave the way for both employment and self-employment.

Mr. S. Dlamini a Special Project Manager at Coastal KZN TVET College confidently addressed the learners about the promising future that awaits them after completing their carpentry training. He emphasized that they will not only have the chance to start their businesses but can also pursue further studies to become skilled artisans.

By the end of their training learners will acquire the expertise to create cabinets and school desks. Additionally they will be well-prepared to apply for funding from LGSETA to enhance their education. The opportunities are abundant for those learners who have a clear vision and determination to succeed.



The Honourable Mayor Cllr G.M. Zondi of uMshwathi Municipality wrapped up the meeting with a strong and encouraging message. He committed to visiting the learners during their training to monitor their progress and ensure their dedication to their education. Mayor Zondi made it clear that any learner who fails to behave or engage appropriately will face potential removal from the program in consultation with the local council. He emphasized that the municipality has invested significant resources into this training and it is essential for all 30 learners to complete the course and earn their certificates.

The Mayor proudly reinforced the municipality's unwavering commitment to supporting students beyond their training, ensuring they have access to valuable business opportunities for those who excel in their work.

As the farewell meeting wrapped up the learners departed with a strong sense of purpose ready to embark on their transformative journey of learning and growth. Backed by the full support of Umshwathi Municipality Coastal KZN TVET College and the National Applications Centre these 30 students are poised for a life-changing experience. Through their dedication and the exceptional opportunities provided by this carpentry training program they are not only set to build bright futures for themselves but also to significantly contribute to the growth and development of their community.

We wish all the learners the best of luck in this exciting new chapter. This training is just the beginning of what promises to be a rewarding and fulfilling career in carpentry.



2026/2030 Strategic Planning Session



Coastal KZN TVET College held a three-day Strategic Planning Session from 30 July to 01 August 2025 at the Marlin Blue Hotel. Scottsburg is a coastal resort town located along the south coast of KwaZulu-Natal. It is situated south of the mouth of the Mpbhanyoni River. The session was officially opened by the Acting Principal, Mrs. I.T. Msimang, who welcomed all participants on behalf of the Council Chairperson, Dr. S.J. Nzimande. Mrs. Msimang outlined the purpose of the session and introduced the staff. Dr. M.J. Ndlovu then presented the programme, which she co-facilitated with Ms. P. Msibi.

Mrs. Msimang provided an overview of the workshop processes and objectives, including a synopsis of the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) Strategic Plan and Annual Performance Plan (APP), as well as the College's strategic focus presentation.

On the second day, the Deputy Principals conducted a review of divisional performance for 2025, highlighting both achievements and key challenges. We have for Deputy Principals at Coastal KZN TVET College, each DP presented their Unit. Mr. S. Magwaza, Deputy Principal: Academic Services, presented on behalf of the Academic Services division, outlining notable accomplishments and ongoing challenges. Ms. S.Z. Zuma, Deputy Principal: Partnership Innovation and Development Services, provided an overview of all units under her portfolio, detailing their respective achievements and challenges. Ms. Iris, Deputy Principal: Finance, reported on the College's financial status, emphasizing key financial challenges and areas of progress. Mr. Ramdev, Acting Deputy Principal: Corporate Services, presented on the units under his leadership, highlighting both achievements and the challenges faced by the division.

Ms. N.P. Dlamini, Assistant Director for TVETMIS, presented the 2024 academic performance report, while Mr. N.S. Mrwetyana, Assistant Director for Examinations, delivered the College's 2024 performance report. Mr. H.S. Dlamini, Special Projects Manager, shared an update on special projects.

Dr. Ndlovu led a review of the College's Vision, Mission, and Values, with some proposed changes recommended for consideration. The Acting Principal then presented the strategic outcomes, outputs, performance indicators, and targets. Mr. K.K. Ndwane, Acting AD Curriculum Ministerial Programmes, explained the new Coastal KZN planning cycle for 2025 to 2030. Mr. I.V. Nkonyeni, AD Curriculum Occupational Skills Program, presented the Programme Qualification Mix, while Ms. N.P. Dlamini AD TVETMIS discussed qualification trends.



2026/2030 Strategic Planning Session Continued

This was followed by a question-and-answer session. Ms. P. Msi-bi then introduced the breakaway group discussions.

These discussions focused on performance planning, including proposed interventions and identified risks related to outcomes and outputs. Delegates joined designated commissions for topic-specific discussions and planning. Each commission was chaired by a member of the College Council:

Four commissions were constituted to delve deeply into operational and developmental themes:

Commission One, chaired by Dr Mahlobo, focused on improving teaching, curriculum delivery, and student success. The commission proposed enhanced pedagogical training, modernised subject guidelines, and a learner support framework to address retention and performance issues.

Commission Two, led by Mr Dlamini, examined institutional support services including HRM&D, infrastructure, ICT, and employee wellness. The group recommended digitisation of administrative processes, accelerated recruitment of critical staff, and improved internal communication protocol.

Commission Three, chaired by Miss Monare, addressed the enhancement of industry partnerships and innovation. The commission proposed strengthened Work-Integrated Learning (WIL) programmes, industry-aligned short courses, and the development of a database of employer partners to track placement success. Commission Four, led by Mr. Mdletshe, focused on financial sustainability, procurement efficiency, and compliance. Recommendations included multi-year budgeting models, improved procurement turnaround times, and stricter monitoring of resource utilisation. Each commission's proposals were submitted during plenary for validation and inclusion in the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan.

The final day featured strategic framing, goal setting, and pledges of implementation. Game-changer projects and stakeholder mapping exercises added practical dimensions. Each unit committed to implementation plans. The session closed with remarks from Mr Mdletshe, representing the college council. Mr. Mdletshe stressed the importance of committing not only to planning but also to implementing the agreed-upon strategies.



The Acting Principal shared the College's strategic plans, while Ms. Msi-bi led the session on implementation and the official pledge signing. All delegates committed to the shared goals by signing the pledge.

Mr. Ramdev, Acting Deputy Principal Corporate Services, provided a forward-looking reflection, emphasizing the need to translate the strategic discussions into actionable outcomes. He reminded participants that while strategic planning is vital, continuous collaboration is essential to realize Vision 2030.

In her closing remarks, Mrs. I.T. Msimang, Acting Principal of Coastal KZN TVET College, expressed heartfelt gratitude to all participants for their active engagement, dedication, and valuable contributions throughout the three-day strategic planning session. She commended the leadership and commitment demonstrated by the Council members, executive management, facilitators, and all staff members involved in shaping the College's future direction.

Mrs. Msimang emphasized that the success of the strategic plan depends not only on well-documented goals and targets but on the collective effort, collaboration, and accountability of every individual within the institution. She reminded delegates that the implementation phase is where the real work begins and called on all stakeholders to remain focused, proactive, and united in pursuit of the College's Vision 2030.

She concluded by reaffirming the institution's commitment to academic excellence, inclusive growth, and responsive service delivery anchored by innovation, integrity, and teamwork. The session closed on a high note, with delegates expressing a renewed sense of purpose and a shared commitment to drive transformation, quality improvement and sustainable impact in the TVET sector.





Skills Innovation and Industry Collaboration Indaba

On 26 June 2025, Coastal KZN TVET College successfully hosted a Skills Innovation and Industry Collaboration Indaba, a key initiative to strengthen partnerships with industry stakeholders and align the College's occupational programmes with market demands. The event was jointly facilitated by Mr David Biyela and Mr Nkosinathi Malimela, who ensured a focused and engaging programme.

Dr S.J. Nzimande, Chairperson of the College Council, opened the event with a call for active industry collaboration to drive innovation and skills development. Acting Principal Mrs I.T. Msimang highlighted the Indaba's role in closing the gap between education and employment through relevant, practical partnerships. Deputy Principal for Innovation and Development, Ms S.Z. Zuma, presented 21 occupational programmes tailored to meet current and future economic needs. She emphasised their potential to boost youth employment and national development.

A panel discussion featuring Mr Vele from the DHET, Mr Pule from QCTO, and industry expert Dr Sizwe Nxasana provided strategic insights into curriculum relevance, quality assurance, and the role of industry in programme development. Mr Nick, on behalf of SETA, discussed funding and support mechanisms for occupational training.

Interactive Q&A sessions and breakaway groups allowed for in-depth dialogue and networking, led by Mr H.S. Dlamini, Mr S. Pakkies, and Mr Mqadi. Several companies expressed commitment to partnering with the College during these sessions.

A major outcome was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between Coastal KZN TVET College and multiple industry stakeholders, signalling a shared vision for collaboration and innovation. An additional company joined post-Indaba, reflecting growing industry confidence in the College's direction. Closing the event, Mr R.K. Ramdev, Acting Deputy Principal Corporate Services, delivered a vote of thanks, commending all participants for their support and shared commitment to youth empowerment.

“The Indaba marks a significant step in positioning Coastal KZN TVET College as a leader in responsive vocational education that aligns with evolving industry needs”

Campuses Unite to Tackle Gender-Based Violence through Awareness Campaigns



Swinton Campus, As Salaam Campus, and Durban Campus also actively participated in the campaign. These campuses organised workshops, seminars, and outreach activities aimed at educating their communities on the complexities of GBV. By promoting open discussion and distributing resources, they helped create environments rooted in respect and equality.

A keynote address by a representative of a local women's rights organisation stressed the importance of empowering youth with information and access to support systems. The campaign series concluded at Appelsbosch Campus on 8 April 2025. The event featured a roundtable discussion with campus leadership, student representatives, and professionals in mental health and victim support services. The discussion focused on institutional responsibility, safety policies, and sustainable strategies for preventing violence on and off campus.

Students were encouraged to make pledges against GBV and to serve as ambassadors of change within their communities. A symbolic tree-planting ceremony was held to honour survivors and reaffirm the college's ongoing commitment to advocacy. These awareness campaigns reflect a deep institutional commitment to fostering a culture of safety, accountability, and mutual respect. By hosting events across multiple campuses, the message is clear: Gender-Based Violence has no place in our communities, and every student and staff member has a role in ending it.

College administrators have confirmed that these efforts will extend beyond campaign days. Plans are in place to integrate GBV education into orientation programmes, implement college-wide reporting protocols, and establish student-led advocacy groups to ensure sustained action throughout the year.

As the campuses move forward, this united stand against GBV signals a hopeful future one where education includes not only academic achievement but also the cultivation of compassionate and responsible citizens.

In a powerful display of solidarity and social responsibility, several campuses within Coastal KZN TVET College took proactive steps to raise awareness and educate students and staff on the urgent issue of Gender-Based Violence (GBV). Throughout March and April 2025, campus communities hosted awareness campaigns and events aimed at addressing the root causes of GBV and encouraging collective action. Held under the theme "Break the Silence, End the Violence," the campaigns aimed to foster safe, inclusive learning environments where all individuals are respected and protected.

The GBV awareness initiatives began on 6 March, with Umbumbulu Campus and Umlazi BB Campus taking the lead. Both campuses hosted parallel events featuring guest speakers, survivor testimonials, student-led performances, and panel discussions involving community leaders and advocacy organisations.

At Umbumbulu Campus, students and staff participated in a silent march across the campus grounds, followed by a candlelight vigil to honour victims of GBV. The campus also conducted interactive workshops focused on recognising signs of abuse and understanding the reporting mechanisms available to students.

At Umlazi BB Campus, the campaign emphasised bystander intervention and peer accountability. Male and female student leaders joined forces to promote open dialogue on toxic masculinity, consent, and respectful relationships. Educational pamphlets and contact details for support services were distributed throughout the day.

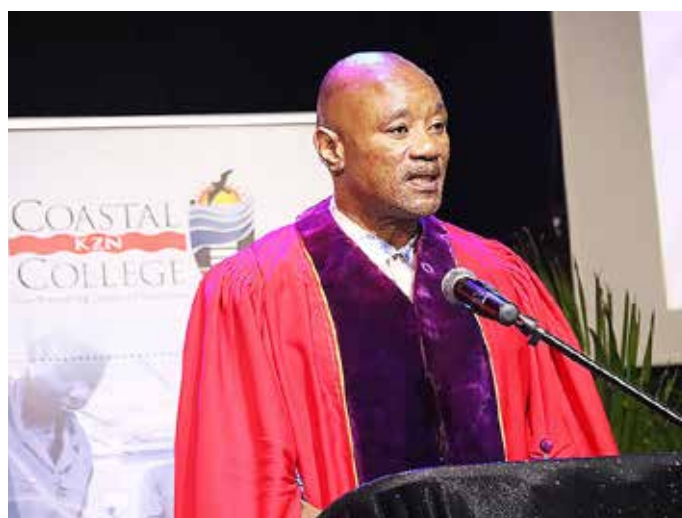
Continuing the momentum, Ubuhle Bogu Campus hosted its GBV awareness campaign on 13 March 2025. The event attracted strong participation from both students and staff. Local youth theatre groups delivered moving performances that depicted real-life stories of abuse and survival.



Each day commenced with an atmosphere of anticipation as graduates, dressed in elegant caps and gowns, processed into the venue to the resounding applause of their loved ones. From the heartfelt opening remarks by the Acting Principal to the final moments of each day's proceedings, the ceremony encapsulated the essence of academic success. The graduates' walk across the stage was not merely symbolic—it represented late nights of study, practical training, and unwavering commitment to personal and professional growth.

The programme was enriched by addresses from college leadership, industry partners, and guest speakers who reminded graduates of their responsibility to apply their skills for the betterment of society. Motivational speeches emphasised resilience, innovation, and the importance of lifelong learning. A series of special awards were also presented to outstanding students whose academic performance, leadership qualities, and community engagement set them apart.

Graduation Ceremony 2025



The graduation was more than an academic milestone—it was a cultural celebration. Each day's proceedings featured student musical performances, poetry recitals, and artistic showcases that reflected the diversity and creativity within the Coastal KZN TVET College community. These moments brought warmth and energy to the formal proceedings, reinforcing the unity between the college and its surrounding communities.

Beyond celebrating qualifications, the ceremony underscored the college's commitment to equipping students with relevant, market-ready skills. Many graduates shared personal reflections on their journeys, expressing gratitude to the college for providing not only theoretical knowledge but also practical training, industry exposure, and mentorship. The stories highlighted diverse career paths ahead whether entering the workforce, pursuing further studies, or venturing into entrepreneurship.

As the final day drew to a close, the Class of 2025 stood together for one last collective moment before stepping into their futures. The message from the stage was clear: graduation is not the end, but the beginning of new chapters filled with potential and purpose. With their certificates in hand and a wealth of experiences behind them, the graduates left inspired to make meaningful contributions to their communities and industries.

Coastal KZN TVET College salutes the Class of 2025 may your journey ahead be as remarkable as the one that brought you to this milestone.



From 6 to 8 May 2025, The Station in Durban transformed into a vibrant stage of celebration, achievement, and hope as Coastal KZN TVET College proudly hosted its three-day graduation ceremony. The event honoured graduates from Engineering and Business Studies, marking the culmination of years of dedication, perseverance, and academic excellence. Families, friends, lecturers, and distinguished guests gathered to applaud the accomplishments of the Class of 2025, whose determination had carried them through challenges towards this moment of triumph.





Official Launch of INSETA DIGIHUB

On July 2, 2025, Coastal KZN TVET College hosted the official launch of the highly anticipated INSETA DIGIHUB at its Durban Campus. This landmark occasion marked a pivotal advancement in promoting digital innovation, equipping learners with essential future skills and enhancing job preparedness across the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) sector. The day's activities were expertly guided by the dynamic media personality and Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Felix Hlophe, who brought energy and charisma to every moment of the program.

The event commenced with an inspiring welcome address delivered by Mrs. I.T. Msimang, the Acting Principal of Coastal KZN TVET College. In her speech, she articulated the institution's unwavering dedication to embracing technological advancements. Mrs. Msimang highlighted how the college is actively integrating innovative digital tools and resources into its curriculum, ensuring that learners are equipped with the skills necessary to excel in a rapidly evolving digital landscape. She emphasized the importance of fostering an environment where students can thrive, adapt and become proficient in emerging technologies, preparing them for successful careers in an increasingly competitive job market.

Dr. S.J. Nzimande, the esteemed Chairperson of the Coastal KZN TVET College Council, articulated a compelling vision for the future of the college, emphasizing its commitment to fostering an academic environment that is responsive to both national educational priorities and the evolving demands of the labour market. He detailed the institution's strategic objectives, which include the integration of innovative teaching methodologies, the expansion of vocational training programs, and the enhancement of partnerships with industry stakeholders. By prioritizing workforce readiness, Dr. Nzimande underscored the college's mission to equip students with the necessary skills and competencies that align with the needs of employers, ultimately contributing to economic growth and community development.

A significant highlight of the event was the insightful presentation on the INSETA DIGIHUB Overview, delivered by Ms. Gugu Mkhize, the esteemed CEO of INSETA. During her presentation, Ms. Mkhize elaborated on the mission and objectives of the DIGIHUB, which is designed to empower young individuals with essential, in-demand skills in the realms of digital technology, artificial intelligence, and simulation-based learning.



She emphasized that these competencies are vital for navigating the complexities of the modern job market, where technical proficiency and innovative thinking are increasingly sought after by employers. The DIGIHUB aims not only to bridge the skills gap but also to inspire a new generation of professionals who are well-equipped to thrive in an ever-evolving digital landscape.

Bringing a vital governmental perspective, representatives from the Office of the eThekweni Executive Mayor shared a message of support, affirming the city's commitment to youth development and educational transformation. Councillor Nkosenhle Madlala, Chair of Governance and Human Capital, reinforced this by highlighting joint initiatives aimed at expanding educational and training opportunities for young people. Representing a strategic partnership, the eThekweni Municipal Academy outlined ongoing efforts to foster employability and create training pathways that bridge the gap between education and the demands of the workplace.

In a thought-provoking presentation titled "AI & Simulations in TVET Building Future Skills for Job Readiness", Mr. Duren Munsami, CEO of Nudle, offered powerful insights into how emerging technologies are transforming vocational education. His vision inspired attendees to embrace the role of innovation in preparing learners for future careers.

The event reached its pinnacle with an inspiring Keynote Address delivered by the Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Training, Mr. Buti Manamela. His presence highlighted the national significance of the DIGIHUB initiative, which aims to foster innovation and enhance digital skills across the country. Following his compelling speech, the ceremony moved to a symbolic moment: the ribbon-cutting and plaque unveiling.

This significant act was performed by Deputy Minister Manamela alongside INSETA CEO Ms. Gugu Mkhize, marking the official inauguration of the state-of-the-art digital facility. Mrs IT Msimang the acting Principal and Dr SJ Ndimande Chairperson of the Coastal KZN TVET College Council, we among the dignitaries who witnessed the cutting ribbon and plaque unveiling. The atmosphere was charged with excitement as attendees celebrated this milestone, which promises to be a catalyst for educational advancement and workforce development in the digital age.

The program concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks expressing deep appreciation to all stakeholders, partners, and guests for their unwavering support in bringing this vision to life.

This event not only marked the opening of a facility it also signalled a bold leap forward for education and youth empowerment in the region. Coastal KZN TVET College, in partnership with INSETA and local stakeholders, has taken a decisive step toward shaping a digitally skilled and job-ready generation.



2025 CoSACSA Academic Eisteddfod Ignites Talent and Innovation



On 25–26 July 2025, Majuba TVET College hosted the CoSACSA Academic Eisteddfod, bringing together some of the brightest and most creative minds from TVET colleges across KwaZulu-Natal. Held at the Centre for People Development (Campus 3), the event marked a significant milestone in academic engagement, collaboration, and youth empowerment.

Now an eagerly anticipated annual tradition, the Eisteddfod continues to grow in scope and impact. The 2025 edition was the largest and most diverse to date, with strong participation from students, mentors, adjudicators, and supporters. From captivating debates to emotive poetry, the competition celebrated a rich blend of intellect, creativity, and expression.

The event featured a wide range of categories, offering students unique platforms to showcase their talents:

- Debate & Public Speaking – Persuasive arguments and thought-provoking insights.
- Storytelling & Book Reading – Bringing narratives to life through performance.
- Book Review – Promoting analytical thinking and literary engagement.
- Scrabble & Sudoku – Engaging language and logic challenges.
- Chess – Testing strategic thinking and foresight.
- Maths Olympiad – Fast-paced contests of numerical and logical skill.
- Drama & Poetry – Expressive performances addressing personal and societal themes.
- - Quiz – High-energy intellectual challenges across diverse subjects.

These activities not only recognised academic excellence but also nurtured essential soft skills such as critical thinking, teamwork, emotional intelligence, and effective communication—key competencies for the modern workplace.



While STEM subjects often dominate academic discourse, the Eisteddfod highlighted the critical role of the arts and humanities in shaping well-rounded individuals. Through drama, poetry, storytelling, and public speaking, students gave voice to personal experiences, tackled social issues, and celebrated cultural identity.

These were not just performances—they were expressions of meaning, passion, and purpose. The audience witnessed powerful monologues, heartfelt poems, and resonant theatrical pieces that left lasting impressions.

More than a competition, the CoSACSA Academic Eisteddfod is a catalyst for growth. It builds confidence, fosters discipline, and forges connections across disciplines and institutions.



Whether solving a Sudoku puzzle or performing on stage, students were empowered to think critically, speak confidently, and express themselves authentically.

As the curtains closed on another successful event, the inspiration lingers. The Eisteddfod reaffirmed the vital role TVET colleges play in developing not only skilled professionals but also creative thinkers, problem-solvers, and active citizens.

Whether on stage, behind the scenes, or in the audience, the 2025 CoSACSA Academic Eisteddfod was a celebration of what happens when young people are given the space to shine. Here's to continued innovation, collaboration, and inspired minds in the years ahead.



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