

# Highest graduate numbers revealed

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False Bay TVET College hosted its annual Awards and Diploma Ceremony to acknowledge students who excel in their respective programmes and celebrate those who have graduated. This year the event was hosted in College's Khayelitsha Campus, Main Hall.



*Left: Proud father Mr Pelston; Pioneira Pelston, CEO Award recipient; Ms Karin Hendricks; Ms Pelston (mother); and College Council Chairperson Ms Zoliswa Lonja*

Sixty-nine trophy awards were presented to students who achieved the highest average for the programme across all campuses of False Bay College. Through the generous sponsorship of Cape Book and College Suppliers, prizes in the form of tablets were given to exiting level students.

A hundred-and-five students graduated achieving their National N Diploma in a variety of fields, demonstrating an 83% increase on the previous year. Making this year's College graduate numbers the best to date. The increase is due to a focused intervention by the college to assist students in the submission of logbooks to the DHET for verification. The majority of graduates came from the fields of Educare N4-N6 and Financial Management N4-N6.

Acting Principal Ms Karin Hendricks proudly stated in her opening statement "the College has exceeded the academic targets set for 2017. Our Distance Learning Campus experienced a 45% increase in enrolments and the CPUT ICT Level 5 partnership programme achieved a certification rate of 77%. Furthermore, on 14 September, the College launched the Blikkiesdorp project. A skills training programme for 100 beneficiaries from the informal settlement of Blikkiesdorp. This programme is a partnership with Airports Company SA (ACSA) and the City of Cape Town. False Bay TVET College was also awarded Centres of Specialisation in Rigging and Mechanical Fitting by the DHET. Just in time, as the College has finalised negotiations around the shared leasing of buildings on the Swartklip Site, which will become a new College Campus servicing the business and communities in the surrounds."



*Ms Andiswa Makha, Training Manager MOT SA, addresses guests*

Each year, a special CEO award is bestowed upon one top performing student, selected by the college CEO. This year, it was awarded to a student who not only demonstrated outstanding academic achievements but who has also shown tremendous social responsibility.

The most prestigious CEO award winner, Ms Pioneira Pelston, started her journey with the College in 2014 registering for the NC (V) Finance, Economics and Accounting, fresh out of Grade 9. Of her 21 subjects completed, she attained 20 distinctions, over the three-year programme duration. She then proceeded to register for Financial Management in 2017 and is continuing to excel in all her subjects. Pioneira volunteered at Surf Outreach in Muizenberg, an organisation that helps assist underprivileged children and is well known for assisting fellow classmates on an academic and social level.

Special guest speaker Ms Andiswa Makha, Training Manager MOT SA, addressed the audience sharing her personal journey to success. With relatable anecdotes shared, the audience's heads nodded in agreement as she imparted food for thought.

This annual occurrence brings together the proud parents, academic staff, sponsors and students to celebrate the success of the top-performing students, graduates and college.

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One of the top-performing TVET colleges in the country, False Bay TVET College offers entry into career paths in Engineering, Business, Hospitality, Information Technology, Safety in Society, Education Studies, 2D Animation, Tourism and Boat Building.

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