

Hillcrest Advice Bureau and Bursary Fund

NEWSLETTER

Hello

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Welcome to our newsletter! This month we're celebrating some of our Tertiary Fund Graduates.

Our Tertiary Fund supports bright, disadvantaged youth from the Valley of 1000 Hills to enter into and complete academic and vocational tertiary education.

The cohort of 2024 have completed diverse qualifications from Fork Lift training to Masters in Medical Law!

We also have civil and mechanical engineers, teachers, bankers and a pharmacist! All now employed and contributing economically and socially to society.

Making 'A Better South Africa, One Degree At A Time...'



We are deeply saddened to have to share the passing of our dear friend and colleague, Marijke Merson.

Marijke died on the 14th May with her beloved husband Keith beside her. She had been battling with an aggressive form of Parkinson's. Marijke's incisive questioning, high standards and attention to detail within the Tertiary Fund meant that any new applicant who passed an interview with her was most definitely morally and academically worthy of HABandBF support.

She was a wonderful woman and we are all grieving for her. Our sincere condolences to her husband Keith and their daughters and grandchildren.

Rest In Peace, dear friend.



A WEALTH OF WORKSHOPS

The Tertiary Fund organized several impactful workshops, including the CV and Interview Training Workshop, the Budgeting and Communication Workshop led by Lwazi Kleinbooi, and the Respect Workshop in collaboration with the Jes Foord Foundation. We achieved an impressive attendance rate of 80% across all sessions.

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The workshop was very informative equipped us with the necessary skills to draft a CV. Also got to socialise with other beneficiaries.

Greetings to you too, maKhaya. I hope you are doing well. Yes, we had a safe trip, and once again, thank you for inviting us to the workshop. It was a great experience, and I believe such events should be organized more often, especially when they provide information that helps advance our careers.

Thank you so much for hosting the CV and Interview Training Workshop. It was truly insightful and well-organized. I found the tips on structuring a CV and answering challenging interview questions especially helpful. The session was interactive, and I appreciated how practical the examples were it made everything easy to understand and apply. Looking forward to more workshops like this!

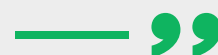
Saw'bona sis Nicky. Ngicela ukuqala ngokubonga for the time you and sis Lwazi gave us ngaloluya suku I'll be forever grateful 🙏 that workshop was a big help to me as I had no idea on C.V making and job hunting. I learnt a lot and I'll be sending you my C.V ASAP.

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The rewarding way to pay



SCAN TO PAY

Follow us on our socials to keep up to date with our teams:





Khaya Mazibuko

High School : Kwabasothini
Institution : University of KwaZulu Natal
Course : BSc Engineering: Civil



Thembeke Thusini

High School : Huba High School
Institution : University of Kwazulu Natal
Course : LLM Masters specialising in Medical Law



Khaya has shown dedication in and out of work, seizing every opportunity. His six-month work experience with WBHO during his studies earned him recognition. After completing his exams, he had three job offers, demonstrating his hard work. This aligns with the civil engineering belief that "Good buildings come from good people, and all problems are solved by good design."

"In the end, you have to decide who you want to be and silence everything else. We are born into circumstance that are harsh and extreme - we don't decide if we born into loving homes or we born into homes where we are planned for or catered for. We decide however how we show up. It takes self belief yes, but you have to decide to be the best version of you, persevere and think highly of yourself."

SPOTLIGHT ON THE CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATES

GRADUATE

- **Cynthia Goredema**
Siphehile High School | UNISA | Bachelor of Education ~ employed as a homework facilitator at Siyjabula Childrens Home
- **Mandlakhe Hadebe**
Kwabazothini High School | UKZN | Masters Pharmacy ~ employed as a pharmacist at the South African Medical Research Council
- **Sandile Mkhize**
Kwabazothini High School | Forklift Certification | ~ employed as a Special Operations security Officer at Magma Security
- **Awande Myeza**
St Francis College | DUT and MANCOSA | Construction and Project Management ~ employed as a junior quantity surveyor at Mike Buyerskes
- **Mvolenhle Myeza**
Woodlands Secondary School | UKZN | Bachelor of Law ~ currently doing her Masters in Law, specialising in Maritime Law
- **Mondli Nene**
Kwabazothini High School | UKZN | Postgraduate Diploma in Finance, Banking and Investment Management ~ intern at Bank SETA
- **Nkanyiso Ngcobo**
Mnyameni Zenex Secondary School | UKZN | Masters of Commerce, Finance Banking, and Investment Management ~ employed as a consultant at ABSA
- **Mpilo Shangase**
Mnyameni Zenex Secondary School | UKZN | BSc Mechanical Engineering ~ job hunting
- **Ntombenhle Sokhela**
Siyjabula High School | UNIZULU | Bachelor of Education ~ currently doing her Bed Honours in Curriculum Studies
- **Thulasizwe Tenza**
Siphupheme High School | UKZN | Bachelor of Education ~ currently employed as an educator



Congrats
GRADUATES

