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ALL THINGS SDC

Student Newsletter

Third Edition

Welcome to *All Things SDC*, your official campus newsletter created to celebrate, inform, and inspire our student community. From exciting learnership updates & important campus announcements to inspiring graduate journeys and outstanding student achievements, this platform is dedicated to keeping you connected to everything happening at SDC.

Lelladi Canteen's Books

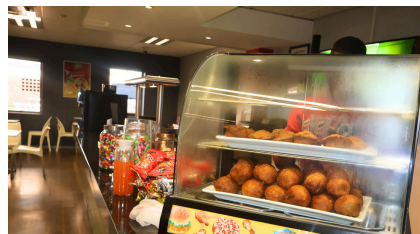
Meals range from R25 to R45, offering affordable options for learners throughout the day!

Load once, spend anytime! Our coupons make transactions quick and easy, with purchases automatically deducted from your balance in the canteen. Even better, coupons never expire and can be reloaded up to R500 whenever you need.

The canteen continues to play an important role in supporting your wellness and convenience on campus. For 2026, the canteen has introduced updated meal prices aimed at accommodating more learners and making daily meals more affordable and accessible. Isn't that the best deal ever?!



**Book Sale!
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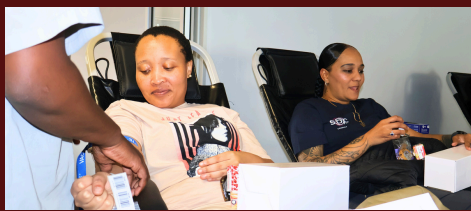


Blood Drive Highlights

Seeing some of our facilitators and learners unite behind a cause that supports the wellbeing of others is always inspiring!

We extend our sincere appreciation to the 38 staff who generously donated blood, helping to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need. We would also like to acknowledge the learners who showed interest in supporting this important initiative and remain interested on donating in the future.

We are happy with the SANBS visits & look forward to hosting our next blood donation drive in November 2026, where everyone will have the opportunity to donate and contribute towards saving lives.



Word From Hennie

SDC Campus Rector

Dear Learners

Your learnership is more than just a qualification. It is a doorway into the professional world, a chance to grow, to discover your strengths, and to prepare for the opportunities that lie ahead. Although the stipend may support you now, your true reward lies in the skills you acquire and the career you build. Focus on long-term growth, sustainable employment, and the vision of a future where your contribution makes a lasting impact.

Success is built on discipline. Attending all your sessions, participating actively [both in class and in the Workplace], complete and submit your assessments on time, and stay consistent for the full contract period. Every lecture and workshop is a chance to learn and connect. Engage fully in these experiences as they are steppingstones that will broaden your perspective and strengthen your readiness for the world of work.

Your commitment today will shape the professional you become tomorrow. Employers value more than just technical skills. Punctuality, clear communication, a positive attitude, accountability, and professional behaviour are some of the qualities that set you apart.

Cultivate these habits daily, and you will carry yourself with confidence into any workplace.



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SDC Partners

SDC x The City Of Johannesburg Partnership



On 28 May 2026, SDC was honoured to attend the official Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Handover and Partnership Engagement Session.

The Skills Development LRA has formed a partnership with the COJ! We are grateful for the opportunity to be recognised as a strategic partner & to work alongside an organisation that is committed to addressing the social and economic challenges facing many South Africans.

This strategic partnership means that as LRA, we may utilize most of the Social Development halls for recruitment drives as well as give the disabled youth in these communities' opportunities to get on to our data-base, exposing them to opportunities on campus!
#Wearethedifference!

By working together, organisations can reach more individuals, create greater impact, and build sustainable solutions that uplift communities.

SUCCESS STORIES

Thina Cosa

At SDC, in her abilities. If you've spent time around campus, chances are you've met Tina. Known for her friendly personality, willingness to help, and genuine care for learners, Tina has become a familiar and respected face within the SDC family.

Tina's journey began as an intern, where she worked closely with facilitators and gained valuable experience supporting learner development. Driven by her passion for education, she went the extra mile and completed her Facilitator and Assessor qualifications outside of SDC, investing in her own growth and future.

In 2024, Tina's hard work and dedication paid off when she secured permanent employment. Tina has also built strong relationships with learners, serving as a mentor and source of encouragement to many. Her empathetic nature and supportive approach have made a lasting impact across campus.

Now, in 2026, Tina has reached an exciting milestone, facilitating her very first class. Her journey is proof that commitment, continuous learning, and a positive attitude can open incredible doors.

Tina, your story continues to inspire learners and staff alike, and we can't wait to see what you achieve next!



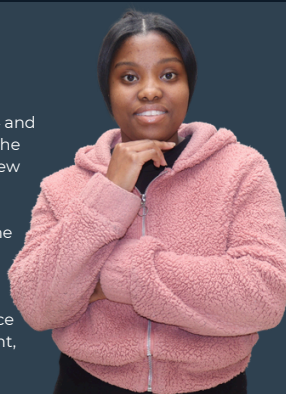
Tonisha

Tonisha, a proud Business Administration NQF Level 3 graduate, successfully completed her learnership in 2024 and has since stepped confidently into the world of work, as the LRA Administrator and will now be transitioning to her new role in June, as the LRA Project Administrator.

During her learnership journey, Tonisha participated in the Work Readiness Programme, where she developed essential workplace skills such as professional communication, workplace etiquette, and personal confidence. She also gained valuable hands-on experience within the Learner Recruitment Agency (LRA) department, allowing her to apply her learning in a real corporate environment.

A key part of her success was the guidance and mentorship she received from her mentor - Elizabeth, whose support helped her navigate both the challenges and opportunities of the workplace. Through this experience, Tonisha not only built her professional skills but also grew in confidence and self-belief.

By the time her learnership came to an end in 2024, Tonisha felt fully prepared to take on the corporate world. Today, she carries the knowledge, experience, and confidence gained during her learnership as she continues to build her professional career. Her journey is a testament to us all, that the right environment can nurture talent and open doors to new opportunities.



Connecting Heidelberg Youth to Learnership Opportunities



"Ratanda-370 unemployed young people from the community attending an information session focused on learnership opportunities and skills development pathways."



During the engagement, attendees were introduced to the various learnership programmes available through SDC, the application process, and the requirements needed to become part of our learner database. We are pleased to share that 90 young people were successfully registered and added to our database, bringing them one step closer to accessing future opportunities.

A number of questions were raised regarding the enrolment process and how long it takes to be placed on a learnership programme. While there is no fixed turnaround time, as learnership opportunities are dependent on programme availability and employer demand, we encouraged attendees to remain patient, proactive, and prepared for opportunities as they arise.

With youth unemployment remaining one of South Africa's most pressing challenges, we also took the opportunity to remind learners of the importance of commitment and professionalism. Learnership opportunities are highly sought after, with many young people eagerly waiting for a chance to participate.

Through initiatives such as these, we continue to connect young people with opportunities that can help transform their futures and contribute meaningfully to their communities.



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The Skills Development Corporation Student Success Stories

Success Stories

Christillene Masenya

Christillene's journey is a testament to the power of perseverance, learning, and ensuring that one makes the most of every opportunity presented. From being a learner to a permanent employee, honestly, her story should serve as an inspiration to all of us on campus!

In 2021, while still re-writing her matric examinations, Christillene applied for a learnership opportunity, and by the grace of God, got it. She did an IT learnership NQF Level 3 as well as completed her second learnership Management Level.

Her dedication paid off when she was welcomed back in 2022 to start the Management Level 3 learnership. This time, she was given the opportunity to gain practical workplace experience at SDC Consult, allowing her to apply her knowledge in a real-world environment.



"Take every opportunity to gain workplace experience. Learnerships are about more than the stipend, they are about building skills, gaining exposure, and preparing yourself for the future. Follow instructions, work hard, and always be willing to go beyond what is expected of you."

Over the course of her workplace exposure, Christillene worked in both the Consult (SDF) and Training departments. Under the right guidance, she gained valuable skills in learner registrations, training bookings, certificate administration, manual preparation, and workplace skills planning. While adjusting to the demands of a full-time working environment life was not always easy, but she embraced every challenge as a learning opportunity, and today fits into the SDC Consult culture like a glove! She is proof that, even when you fail, get up and work diligently, your work can move you from hopelessness to rooms where you are appreciated!

Strengthening Connections - SANTAM visits learners on campus!



We've always believed that meaningful partnerships play a vital role in creating enriching learning experiences for our learners. We were delighted to welcome our valued insurance sector partner, Santam, to campus end of May for a special learner engagement session.

The visit provided a wonderful opportunity for Santam to connect directly with learners. The day began with introductions to the SDC mentors and facilitators who support learners throughout their learnership. The Santam team then shared an engaging presentation about the organization, offering learners a deeper understanding of the SANTAM's values, culture, and role.



Gomolemo

Workplace experience opening doors to career growth

A Business Management student from South West Gauteng TVET College, Gomolemo joined SDC in March 2023 to complete the 18 months of practical workplace experience required for his qualification. He was placed within the sales department as a Telemarketer, where he played an important role in promoting learnership opportunities and engaging with businesses about skills development initiatives.



"Build your network: Connect with your managers, mentors, and fellow learners."

As he settled into his new role, Sales Administrator Gomolemo continued to take on additional responsibilities and expand his skill set. His strong performance eventually led to an opportunity to lead and support a team of six interns and two learners, providing guidance while developing his own leadership capabilities.

Gomolemo's journey highlights the importance of workplace exposure in helping young people bridge the gap between education and employment. His progression from learner to employee and eventually to a leadership role demonstrates what can be achieved when talent is matched with opportunity.

Suggestion Box

Learner Voice - Continuous improvement

1. Every learner experiences our learnership programs differently. The suggestion box creates a platform where every voice can contribute to shaping a better learning experience."

2. Small Ideas Can Create Big Changes

"Some of the most impactful improvements often begin as a simple suggestion from a learner who noticed an opportunity to do things better."



3. Encourages Workplace Readiness

"Providing constructive feedback is an important professional skill. The suggestion box helps you practice sharing ideas, identifying challenges, and proposing solutions." It is a new way of improving processes, communication, or learner support."

Upcoming

Money Smart Week 2026: The Power of Possible!

Exciting things are coming to campus this August! From 24 - 29 August 2026, SDC Wealth will be hosting Money Smart Week: The Power of Possible, an engaging and educational event designed to teach students about making smart financial choices.



As you start earning stipends, understanding how to manage money, you'll receive tools and knowledge to make better financial choices.

There will also be exciting opportunities to showcase your talents through our Speech Competition and Writing Competition, with fantastic prizes up for grabs for the top three winners in each category.

Vibrant Market Day, where entrepreneurship, creativity, and community come together in a fun and interactive environment.



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SDC Wealth Field Work Agents

More Than a Learnership: A Gateway into the Financial Services Industry

One of the greatest advantages of being hosted through SDC Wealth is the opportunity to gain real industry experience while completing a learnership. Being exposed to the day-to-day workings of the financial services sector, allows you to build practical skills and confidence in a professional environment. You are guided by qualified industry experts, many of whom have obtained their RE5 qualification and have firsthand knowledge of what it takes to succeed.

At SDC Wealth, the goal is not only to provide a learnership but to create a pathway into meaningful employment, ensuring that you as a learner are workplace-ready and prepared to make your mark in the industry. What makes this experience even more valuable is the mentorship you'll receive from experienced professionals who have already established themselves within the sector.

Rather than moving from one learnership to another, we've ensured that the learnership remains equipped with practical experience, professional guidance, and recognized industry training which will prepare you for long-term careers in the financial services sector.

Entrepreneurs

#Celebrating Growth and Entrepreneurial Spirit

Introducing #KNOWMe Fragrances, an exciting entrepreneurial venture founded by our very own, Nketsing Mokolutlo, who is currently enrolled in the Generic Management NQF Level 3 programme here at our JHB campus.

Nketsing? A passionate fragrance enthusiast, his business journey began a few years ago while studying at another college. As he regularly explored different colognes and fragrances, he identified a gap in the market for quality, affordable scents that catered to male/female. Recognising that many students were price-sensitive, he saw an opportunity to give accessible cologne options without compromising on quality.

With only the grit for business, trust when we say that he has a bright future ahead of him. Through the generic management course.

Nketsing - A visionary who takes a chance at an opportunity



Dress Smart. Stay Warm. Save Energy This Winter

HOW YOU CAN HELP THIS WINTER

- Layer Up**
Wear a **base layer** and keep a jersey or fleece at your desk for when the cold sets in.
- Set It Right**
Keep **heating** at a moderate level. Every degree counts.
- Seal the Chill**
Close **doors** and **windows** to keep warm air in and cold air out.
- Unplug unnecessary devices**
Reduce standby **power** and save electricity.
- Switch it off**
Turn off **lights**, **heaters**, and equipment when not in use.

Better Together This Winter

When we dress for the weather, we all benefit. Layering up means less strain on our heating systems, **lower electricity** costs, and a **safer environment** for our IT equipment. Small wardrobe choices make a big difference for everyone.



Product Range includes:

Colognes/ Perfumes
R160 (pay later option)

Option 2 - R125 (cash option)

Highlights from the event



Day 1: 20 April 2026 - Health & Wellness and the Care Economy kicked off with workforce readiness and one of the speakers was our very own Marketing Officer (Lindokuhle Ndlovu) on stage talking learnerships & supporting youth entering the workforce field. With over 5000 learners reached, SDC was represented well on the day! **#SDC #Wearethedifference!**



Valentines!

Valentine's Day at SDC was nothing short of amazing!

The campus came alive with excitement, colour, and plenty of smiles as staff members from different departments proudly dressed in red to celebrate the occasion.

Showcasing the unique culture at SDC, one where teamwork, connection, and celebrating one another is just as important as learning and growing professionally.



Graduation MC Highlights

