

EWSETA DONATES TWENTY LAPTOPS TO COLLEGE TO UPSKILL STAFF & STUDENTS

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Pictured from left to right: 2021 SRC President, Ms K Metsiemele, EWSETA CEO, Ms M Mookapele, ORBIT College Principal, Mr D Mokoena with one of the twenty laptops donated to the College, Chairperson of the College Council, Dr K Molantoa and Regional Manager North West & Mpumalanga TVET Colleges, Dr N Balkrishen.

ORBIT TVET College hosted an Infrastructure Support Ceremony at the Mankwe Campus Hospitality & Tourism Centre on 22 November 2021, organised by Centre of Entrepreneurship & Rapid Incubator Manager, Mr P Matlou, in celebration of the twelve year partnership between the College and Energy and Water Sector Education and Training Authority (EWSETA).

To show EWSETA's continued support towards the College, CEO Ms M Mookapele donated twenty laptops to the College. In her message of support, Ms Mookapele said "EWSETA commits to making a budget available in 2022 to upskill a number of

students and lecturers.” In addition to this, she indicated that she was impressed after learning that Brits Campus HR N5 student, Mr Bongane Mawele had developed an app through the MTN App of the year competition, where he competed nationally against big organisations such as Takealot and many others, and actually won second place. “This displays the creativity and innovation when it comes to technology”, she added.

Indeed the TVET College Sector has found a space to contribute immensely towards the much-spoken about 4th Industrial Revolution.

Principal of ORBIT College, Mr D Mokoena expressed his deepest gratitude for the work and contribution by EWSETA. Mr Mokoena further indicated that the laptops donated to the College will play a significant role in the livelihood of the community. “The college will identify the relevant lecturers and students who require upskilling and put these laptops to great use. We will also ensure that these laptops do not accumulate dust in the office of the Campus Manager and will be used purposefully.

Also in attendance, was the Regional Manager for North West & Mpumalanga Colleges, Dr N Balkrishen, who delivered a message of support. Dr Balkrishen said he was impressed with a partnership of such longstanding nature and vowed that the Regional Office will provide more support to develop TVET Colleges. “I can only hope that such a partnership will not only be limited to the North West Province, but should extend to TVET Colleges in Mpumalanga, especially those that comprise rural campuses, so that the surrounding communities in those areas can benefit from such developments made possible by the EWSETA.

ORBIT College 2021 SRC President Ms K Metsieme delivered a vote of thanks, in which she expressed her appreciation towards EWSETA for its donation and support towards the College. “To echo the words of EWSETA CEO, it is important that TVET College students are equipped with the relevant skills demanded by the country’s economy, so that we can be placed and employed easily.” Ms Metsiemele said