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Rural Excellence Sets the Standard: College Secures a Second Consecutive Clean Audit

By Azola Jingela

Ingwe TVET College has obtained a clean audit on 31 May 2026, for the 2025 financial year. For many institutions, a clean audit is an important milestone.

For Ingwe TVET College, achieving a clean audit for a second consecutive year represents something even greater, it is evident that a culture of accountability, ethical leadership, and excellence has become firmly embedded throughout the College.

Operating across rural communities, Ingwe TVET College has consistently demonstrated that excellence is not determined by location but by the commitment of its people.

The College has shown that with the right leadership, sound governance, and a shared sense of purpose, public institutions can deliver outstanding results while remaining focused on serving their communities.

This achievement reflects years of building strong governance systems, strengthening financial controls, and cultivating a workplace where every employee understands the importance of accountability.

Rather than viewing compliance as an obligation, the College has embraced it as a foundation for sustainable growth and institutional credibility.

This success belongs to more than leadership alone. It is the result of the collective efforts of dedicated employees working across every campus and department. Academic staff, administrators, finance personnel, support personnel, student support services, supply chain practitioners, human resource teams, facilities staff, and every employee that has contributed to building an institution where excellence is achieved through collaboration rather than individual effort.

As Ingwe TVET College celebrates this achievement, it remains focused on the future. The College is committed to preserving this culture of good governance, strengthening its internal systems, and continuously improving the quality of its services. Maintaining a clean audit is not viewed as the destination but as an ongoing commitment to excellence that benefits students, communities, government, and all stakeholders.

Ingwe TVET College will continue to build on this success, remaining true to its values of integrity, accountability, transparency, and service excellence. As the institution looks ahead, it does so with confidence, knowing that strong governance is not simply measured by audit outcomes but by the lasting impact it creates for students, communities, and the future of technical and vocational education.





College Celebrates Apprenticeship Success

By Phelelani Mpiti

The College has successfully implemented a WRSETA-funded Apprenticeship Programme that enrolled 70 apprentices. The programme produced 60 competent artisans who successfully completed their trade tests across various trades.

Of the 60 qualified artisans, 32 were Electricians, 17 Auto Mechanics, and 11 Bricklayers. The achievement highlights the College's commitment to developing scarce and critical skills and preparing artisans for the labour market. According to the Project Management Unit, the success of the programme was driven by effective training, workplace exposure, and strong collaboration between WRSETA, host employers, and Ingwe TVET College.

A total of 10 apprentices exited the programme after securing alternative employment opportunities, demonstrating the demand for skilled artisans in the industry.

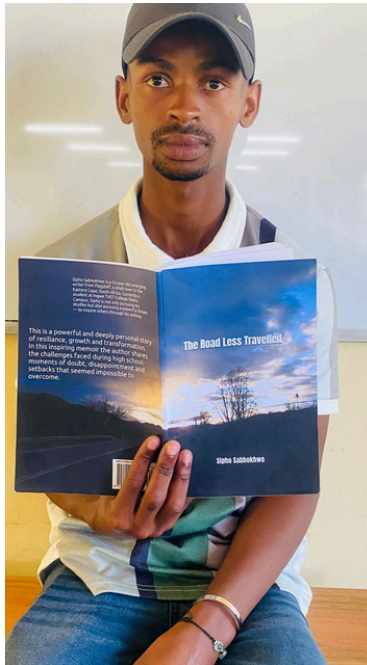
The successful completion of the apprenticeship programme reflects the positive impact of skills development partnerships in improving employment prospects and producing competent artisans for South Africa's economy





Student author inspires the College Community

By Zameka Zozi



The College is proud to celebrate the remarkable achievement of one of its students, Sipho Sabhokhwe.

Sipho is a 25-year-old aspiring professional and author who has successfully published a book titled *"The Road Less Travelled."*

Sipho began his academic journey at Siteto Campus as a Pre-Vocational Learning Programme (PLP) student and is currently completing his N6 in Management Assistant.

The publication of ***The Road Less Travelled*** is a significant milestone not only for Sipho but also for the campus as a whole. Through his writing, he shares inspiring insights and experiences that motivate readers to pursue their goals despite challenges and obstacles. His success demonstrates that students can excel both academically and creatively while making meaningful contribution to society.

The Campus is immensely proud to have produced a student of such calibre. Sipho's accomplishment has become a source of inspiration for fellow students, lecturers, and support staff alike, encouraging them to strive for excellence and pursue their dreams with confidence.

His book is available for purchase on Amazon and has already begun to inspire readers through its powerful message of perseverance, courage, and personal growth.

The College congratulates Sipho Sabhokhwe on this outstanding achievement and wish him continued success in his academic and professional endeavours. His success demonstrates that students can excel both academically and creatively while making meaningful contributions to society.



Ingwe TVET College and Nelson Mandela University Partnership: A Milestone in Lecturer Professional Development

By Cikizwa Manto - Mati



The partnership between Nelson Mandela University (NMU) and Ingwe TVET College continues to make a significant contribution towards strengthening the professional capacity of lecturers in the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) sector. The partnership, formalised through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed in 2022, was established to support lecturers who are professionally qualified but require specialised qualifications to strengthen their competence as TVET sector educators.

The first group of targeted lecturers successfully completed their studies and graduated from Nelson Mandela University in 2024. The second group reached another important milestone during the Autumn Graduation Ceremony held on 17 April 2026, where Ingwe TVET College was represented by Ms Manto-Mati.

In 2024, Ingwe TVET College registered 19 lecturers who were undertaking their final year of study with NMU. Of these, 18 lecturers have successfully graduated, representing an outstanding achievement for both the lecturers and the College.

What makes this achievement particularly significant is the College's 100% retention and completion rate among the lecturers in this cohort.

A particularly proud moment for Ingwe TVET College was the achievement of Mr Silungile Matiwane from Ngqungqushe Campus, who graduated Cum Laude. His achievement represents a milestone of great significance for the College and serves as an inspiration to fellow lecturers and students alike.

Not all the lecturers were able to attend the graduation ceremony in person. This was largely due to the introduction and implementation of new occupational programmes within the TVET sector, which required some lecturers to attend specialised training programmes in different provinces.

The success of the Nelson Mandela University and Ingwe TVET College partnership demonstra

tes the importance of strategic collaboration between universities and TVET colleges in addressing the professional development needs of the TVET sector. They are evidence of a collective institutional commitment to excellence, lifelong learning and the professionalisation of TVET teaching.





Campus academic awards - celebrating excellence

By Lerato Seprenkane

Mount Fletcher Campus proudly hosted its 2025 Academic Awards Ceremony on the 4th of June 2026 to recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of staff and students who demonstrated excellence during the 2025 academic year.

The awards honoured individuals across various categories, including Lecturing Staff, Support Staff, and students for their exceptional academic performance.

The ceremony was further enriched by the presence of the College Acting Principal, who attended as the Guest Speaker. In an inspiring address, the Acting Principal congratulated all award recipients and encouraged students and staff to remain committed to excellence, continuous learning, and personal growth.

The Academic Awards Ceremony serves as an important platform for recognising hard work, dedication, and achievement. It also motivates both new and returning students, as well as staff members, to strive for higher levels of academic and professional excellence.

Through this initiative, Mount Fletcher Campus reaffirms its commitment to fostering a culture of excellence, rewarding outstanding performance, and inspiring the entire campus community to achieve even greater success in the years ahead.





Peer Educators participate in a training session to strengthen their leadership, communication, and student support skills

By Neliswa Thobela

Ingwe TVET College Student Support Services hosted peer educator training with an emphasis on student well-being.

Peer educators were introduced by TVET colleges because they are the influential figure for the targeted groups, making them feel safer and more at ease discussing matters they are unable to discuss with their parents. Additionally, their guidance is relatable rather than prescriptive and nonjudgmental. The college's Student Support Liaison Officers from each of our five campuses accompanied the peer educators.

The event's goal was to:

Give the peer educators the knowledge and abilities they need to help other students and serve as positive role models. They should also promote and establish safe spaces where students can obtain information, dispel the stigma associated with mental health, HIV prevention, and substance abuse, and learn useful skills for taking care of one another and their own health.

Sessions on the following topics were led by Ms. Hazel Mdlazi, a Higher Health official:

1. Healthy relationships: HIV infection and prevention, condom usage, and self-testing techniques; free HIV testing, counselling, condoms, and contraceptives are offered.

2. How to immediately address bullying and gender-based violence thru civic education and awareness.

In order to encourage their peers, peer educators are fostering a more secure and welcoming workplace.

3. The need of peer support on campuses was emphasised in the section on mental health and wellness. Additionally, student counsellors run a "Stress Less" corner that offers coping mechanisms, anxiety management advice, and treatment referrals. Higher Health provided seminars about how to recognise substance addiction and where to find support.

Our peer educators learnt useful information and techniques for instructing and assisting their peers thru the interactive presentation and discussions.

Since many students struggle in silence, peer educators have a responsibility to ensure that no one feels alone and that everyone is aware of where to get assistance. A person's body, intellect, and decisions all play a part in their overall well-being.

For free, private assistance, students are urged to visit their campus Student Support Services office or get in touch with Peer Educators.

Remember: Your health, your future, your choice.





Electrical Engineering students commended for outstanding service

By Zameka Zozi

The campus proudly recognizes the dedication and commitment demonstrated by our Electrical Engineering students during a critical period of the trimester examinations.

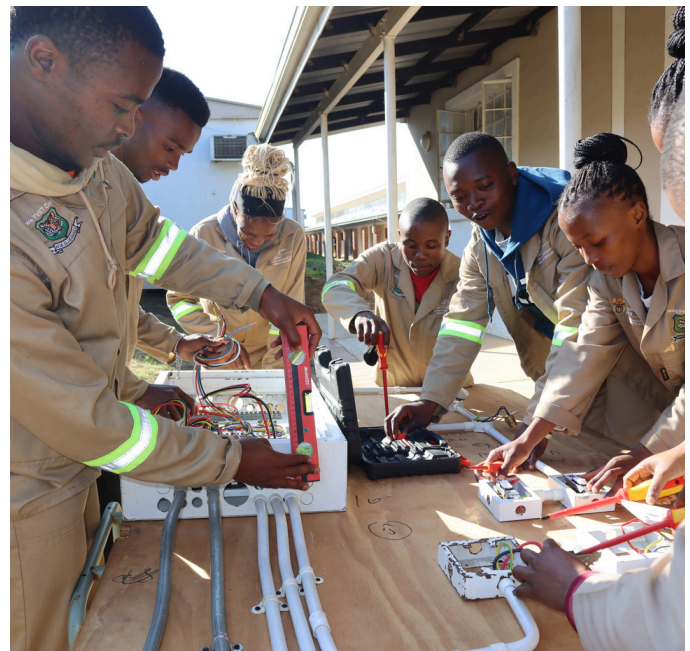
When the campus experienced serious lighting challenges in the examination hall, our Electrical students willingly stepped forward to assist. Understanding the urgency of the situation, they conducted a thorough investigation of the problem, identified the causes, and provided practical recommendations for resolving it.

Working diligently and professionally, the students completed the repair work within a single day. They effectively restarted the entire system from scratch and successfully restored the lighting in the hall. Their intervention came at a crucial time, as the examination hall is the only venue available for examinations on campus.

Had the issue not been resolved promptly, the campus would have faced significant disruptions to the examination process. Thanks to the students' technical skills, teamwork, and commitment, examinations were able to proceed as planned.

The campus management applauds these students for their exceptional contribution and willingness to use their knowledge and skills for the benefit of the campus. Their actions serve as an excellent example of practical learning, community service, and professional responsibility.

We are proud of their achievement and thank them for their outstanding work and dedication to the campus community.





SATVETSA AGAINST GBV

By Babalwa Ntsalaze

The South African Technical Vocational Education and Training Student Association (SATVETSA) successfully hosted its second Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Awareness and Civic Education Campaign at Maluti Campus.

The programme was attended by key stakeholders, including officials from the Department of Higher Education and Training, COSACSA, the Ward Councillor, Senior Management, the South African Youth Council President, the SSS Forum from the Eastern Cape, Higher Health, and the Department of Social Development.

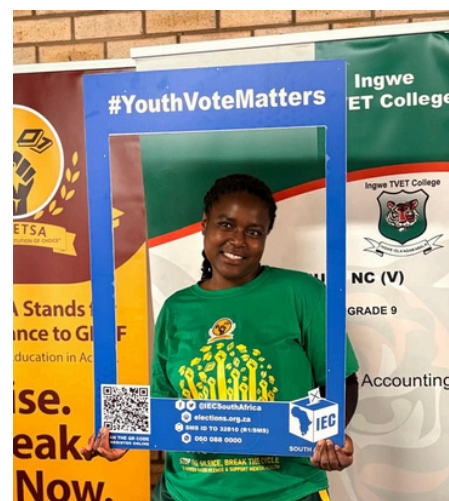
The campaign focused on promoting civic responsibility and raising awareness against gender-based violence among students and communities.

The Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) was also in attendance to educate students and community members about the importance of voting.

The programme will continue to be implemented across TVET colleges nationwide, incorporating sessions on GBVF awareness, social cohesion, mental health, and civic responsibility, while strengthening partnerships between institutions, government, and stakeholders.

Through this initiative, SATVETSA reaffirms its zero-tolerance stance on GBVF and its commitment to building an empowered, socially conscious student community grounded in the values of Ubuntu.

Following the official programme, attendees were entertained by captivating performances from Zola 7, Nkeshemba, and Omali Themba.





From Humble Soil to Thriving Harvest

By Katiso Sekhosana



What started as a small experimental garden of less than one hectare has become a powerful demonstration of what can be achieved through skills, innovation and determination.

Primary Agriculture and Farming Management students studying Mechanisation at Ingwe TVET College have transformed the modest garden into a thriving space that reflects their growing technical abilities, creativity and commitment to agricultural development. The project provides students with more than practical experience. It gives them an opportunity to apply classroom knowledge in a real agricultural environment, while developing the confidence and independence required to participate meaningfully in the agricultural sector.

The experimental garden has provided a practical platform where these skills can be applied to everyday farming activities. Students have been able to participate in activities such as land preparation, planting, cultivation and general garden maintenance. By working directly with the land and agricultural equipment, they are gaining valuable experience that complements their theoretical learning.

The transformation of the garden demonstrates that agricultural innovation is not necessarily dependent on large areas of land or expensive infrastructure. With the right skills, creativity and commitment, even a small piece of land can become productive and educational.

What may appear to be a small garden is, in reality, a space where future agricultural professionals are being cultivated. Just as the students nurture the crops growing in the garden, they are also nurturing their own skills, ambitions and possibilities for the future.





College shines at CoSACSA Provincial and National Music, Art and Culture.

By Mlungisi Mkhize



Ingwe TVET College performed exceptionally well at the CoSACSA Provincial Music, Art and Culture Festival in KSD. The College obtained 3rd position in Bass, 2nd place in the Female Voice and 1st Place in Solo Soprano.

Our Solo Soprano, Ms Siphemathi Mdulashe from Ngqungqushu Campus, then represented the Eastern Cape Province at the National CoSACSA Music Festival that was held in Rustenburg from 19 to 23 June 2026 and achieved 4th place nationally.

We congratulate Ms Mdulashe and all participants for raising the Ingwe TVET College flag high through talent and dedication.

Ingwe TVET College FC clinch Matatiele LFA Playoff Title

Ingwe TVET College FC Men's team were crowned champions of the Matatiele LFA playoffs on 16-17 May 2026. Their victory earns them promotion to the Hollywood Alfred Ndzo Regional League for the 2026/27 season.

The achievement reflects the hard work of players and the dedication of Head Coach Thembelani Mgobhozi, Assistant Coach Onke Meslane, Team Manager Ms Yaphi, and the other technical team members.

Congratulations to the squad for flying the Ingwe TVET College flag high. We wish them continued success in the regional league.





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