

IIE ROSEBANK COLLEGE

ALUMNI Newsletter

3rd Quarter



IIE Rosebank College Alumni Community

Welcome to the IIE Rosebank College Alumni Community, a supportive network that celebrates success, collaboration, and professional growth. This quarter's newsletter celebrates Mandela Day and Women's Month, highlighting the remarkable impact of our female alumnae.

From community upliftment to mentorship and leadership, they embody the spirit of service and empowerment. Their efforts make a lasting difference, driving positive change across South Africa.



Alumni In the World of Work

The Career Services Department is dedicated to helping graduates' transition smoothly into the professional world through our Work Readiness Coaching sessions. These efforts have paid off, with many graduates securing positions at top companies and showcasing the programmes's success in turning potential into real career achievements. We are proud to celebrate the success of over 1000 IIE Rosebank College graduates who have been employed since the start of 2024. Join us as we highlight some of these remarkable alumni thriving in the world of work.



Nelson Mandela Bay

Through the efforts of the career center office, four of the graduates were placed at the Department of Public Works under different divisions namely: Human Capital Investment, Supply Chain, ICT and Human Resources divisions respectively. This is the first of many job opportunities that will be taking place between IIE Rosebank College and the Department of Public Works. Lee-Ann Petrus (Human Capital Investment Intern), Ntandokazi Sigaba (Supply Chain and Logistics intern), Mzawndile Sidiki (ICT intern) and Zizikazi Mveli (Human Resources intern), are the graduates who secured the internships through the guidance of the GEP Programme.

Mandela Day 67 Minutes

Nelson Mandela Day: IIE RC Alumni Give Back to DR Knak Primary School in Alexandra

Nelson Mandela Day is a global call to action that celebrates the idea that everyone has the power to transform the world. Lebohang Lerotholi, an IIE RC Alumni and Managing Director of Lethukuthula Group, embarked on a rainbow bookshelf painting initiative to make a meaningful impact at DR Knak Primary School in Alexandra. Lebohang is known for her passion for youth empowerment and community upliftment, so she invited the IIE RC Alumni Desk to join her as she displays her commitment to giving back to the community. Alongside her, a group of graduates currently participating in an internship programme at her company, Lethukuthula Group Pty Ltd, eagerly joined this noble cause. The team dedicated 67 minutes to create a vibrant and inspiring environment for young learners by painting a mini bookshelf in the colours of the rainbow. This project, aimed at promoting a love for





reading and learning among the students, is a testament to the community spirit and giving back as Nelson Mandela championed. "It's about creating spaces that inspire and nurture the next generation. We hope this bookshelf will not only hold books but also dreams and aspirations," Lerotholi emphasised.

The collaboration highlighted the strong sense of community and shared purpose that defines the IIE RC Alumni Community. As the vibrant colours of the bookshelf came to life, so did the smiles of the children and volunteers. This service on Nelson Mandela Day brightened the school's library. It was a powerful reminder of the change that can be achieved when we come together for common good. Through initiatives like these, IIE RC Alumni Lebohang Lerotholi continues to honour the legacy of Nelson Mandela, demonstrating that even small acts of kindness can make a significant difference. The rainbow-painted bookshelf at DR Knak Primary School symbolises hope, unity, and the endless possibilities that education can unlock.



Alumni On the Move



From Journalism to MasterChef: Amo Maluleka's Storytelling Journey Through Food and Photography

IIE Rosebank College alumnus Amogelang Maluleka has embraced multiple creative paths—journalism, photography, and cooking as a MasterChef South Africa contestant. His passion for storytelling shines through each venture, whether through words, images, or food. Amo studied for an IIE Diploma in Journalism, which shaped his approach to storytelling, helping him see food as another way to connect with people. His journey into the MasterChef SA kitchen was a dream come true. He was driven by personal motivation to inspire his community and support his sister living with epilepsy. For Amo, food tells a story, just like photography or journalism. As he prepares to launch his own food truck, combining bold street flavours with gourmet techniques, Amo's journey exemplifies the power of creativity, curiosity, and risk-taking. His advice to current students? "Have an open mind, explore different paths, and take a chance on yourself." With plans to document South African cuisine through photography and writing, Amo continues to inspire through his relentless pursuit of new challenges and storytelling in all forms.



Ximiyeto Makhubele, an IIE Rosebank College Alumna, Shines as a Top 10 Finalist in Miss World South Africa 2024

IIE RC alumna, Ximiyeto Makhubele, is showing young women that perseverance and resilience make anything possible. Growing up in Giyani, Limpopo, becoming a model was uncommon, but she never gave up on her dream. Starting her modelling career at 15, she entered Miss World South Africa in 2023, making it to the Top 50. In 2024, she re-entered and is now a Top 10 finalist.

For Ximiyeto, the Miss World SA platform allows her to raise awareness on social issues and empower young women. She also values education, having earned an IIE Diploma in IT (Software Development) at IIE Rosebank College. Her leadership role as Head of Academics in the Student Representative Council helped shape her confidence and leadership skills.

As the competition reaches its final phase, Ximiyeto is determined to continue working hard, stay focused, and inspire others with her story of persistence. She hopes to use this platform to advocate for education and women's empowerment.



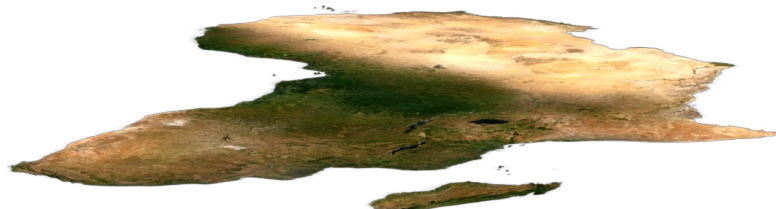
Women's Month Celebration | Alumni on the Move: Celebrating Mashudu Ravele



In honour of Women's Month, we are excited to spotlight one of our exceptional alumni, Mashudu Ravele, a talented author who continues to inspire through her words. On July 31st, 2024, Mashudu was honoured at the 7th African Honoree Authors Awards for her remarkable book *Ndi Vhudza Nnyi*.

This recognition reflects her literary brilliance and her dedication to storytelling that resonates with readers across the continent.

We are incredibly proud of Mashudu's achievement and the legacy she is building through her writing. Congratulations, Mashudu! Keep making us proud as you shine in the literary world!





ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT SERIES



Alumni Spotlight Series

You can also be part of this amazing and inspiring IIE RC Alumni Spotlight Series! This series showcases IIE RC graduates' s diverse and impactful contributions across various fields. Each episode is a testament to our alumni's inspiring journeys and remarkable accomplishments. Watch these episodes and be inspired by their stories to see firsthand the extraordinary impact our community can have on the world. Stay tuned for more captivating episodes in the coming months and share these links with your networks to spread the word about the exceptional work of our alumni. Your participation and feedback have been invaluable in inspiring current students and fellow alumni. Let's continue to celebrate and elevate our community's success together!

Episode 5: Naledi Setlhapelo,

[Click to watch](#)

Episode 6: Mashudu Ravele

[Click to watch](#)

Episode 7: Ndingoho Reedani

[Click to watch](#)

Every IIE RC alumni has a unique and powerful story to share. By participating in the Alumni Spotlight Series, you can inspire and motivate others, showing them what's possible. Your journey and achievements could change lives, spark new ideas, and create a ripple effect of positivity within our community. Don't miss this opportunity to highlight your successes and contribute to the legacy of excellence at IIE RC. Contact us alumni@rosebankcollege.co.za to share your story and join this inspiring series. Together, we can make a difference!



ALUMNI EVENTS

Event Recap:

The "Navigating the Modern Job Market: Mental Health and Well-Being During Job Search" event facilitated by the **Student Wellness Department from the IIE Braamfontein Campus** was a powerful and insightful session for IIE RC Alumni. The event provided an open platform for alumni to share their struggles with unemployment, black tax, and the emotional toll of job searching. One participant shared, "What's more depressing about this meeting is that some of us graduated ten years ago and are still unemployed," highlighting the harsh realities many faces.

A highlight of the event was Naledi Setlhapelo, an IIE RC alumna, who generously shared valuable advice with her fellow alumni. She emphasized the importance of resilience, mental wellness, and staying connected to community support during challenging times. Naledi's words inspired many participants, who appreciated the shared wisdom.


Mental health was a central theme, with attendees discussing the pressure of unmet career expectations and the difficulty of staying motivated in uncertain times. One participant asked, "How long will one keep crying?" reflecting the emotional weight many carries. Another shared, "I barely sleep; my mind is pacing up and down all night."

Despite the challenges, there was a strong sense of community support. Alumni were encouraged to share their experiences on social media using the hashtags #IIERCALumniEvent and #MentalWellness. Many participants expressed gratitude for the session, with one attendee saying, "I realized there is so much to be grateful for than to dwell on the negatives."

Thank you to everyone who attended and the IIE Rosebank College team for organizing this important event. For those needing further assistance, please feel free to reach out.

Stay connected, stay resilient!





Understanding mental health & young people

Half of all mental health conditions start by 14 years of age but most cases are undetected and untreated.

South Africa has an estimated population of 56.76 million people, and the youth (aged 18-34) constitute almost a third of the population (17.81 million).

As a large part of the population, young people are at the heart of the future in South Africa and it is important that our youth are supported and empowered. This includes supporting their mental health needs.

It is estimated that 3 in 4 people worldwide will experience some form of mental health problem during their lifetime (WHO, 2012). Mental illness is not something to be ashamed of. Mental health affects us all and should be talked about openly.

Navigating the Modern Job Market: Mental Health and Wellbeing During Job Search

Compiled by: Student Wellness Department

Goal & Objectives

Goal: The overall goal of this presentation is to provide information and tips to deal with stressors that might impact your mental health during your job search.

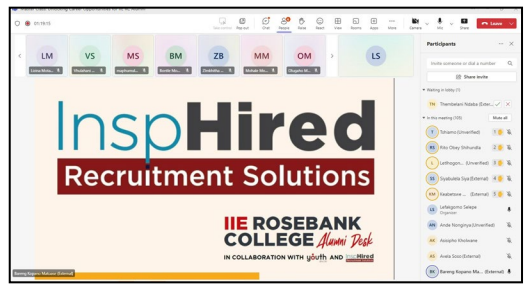
Objectives:

- Understanding mental health.
- General risks & warning signs of mental health.
- Understanding young people in relation to mental health.
- Understanding the impact of mental health & job search.
- Tips on dealing with job search in the modern world.

Event Recap: Master Class - Unlocking Career Opportunities for IIE RC Alumni

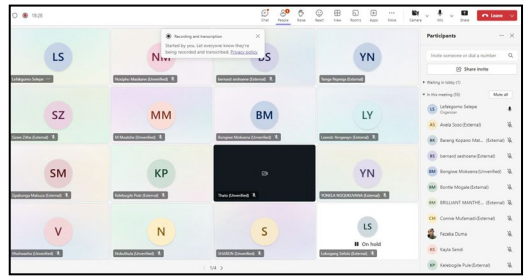
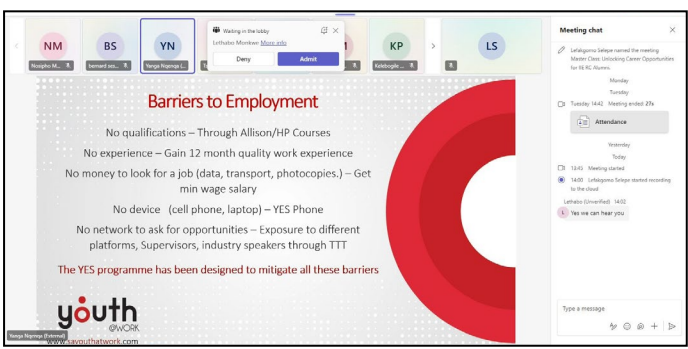
The Master Class: Unlocking Career Opportunities for IIE RC Alumni proved to be an insightful session for attendees, focusing on key strategies for enhancing employability, including a discussion on the importance of including "short-lived" positions on a CV. Mufunwa K, an external presenter, addressed a common question: whether it is important to include jobs that lasted only 2 or 3 months. He explained that short-term positions can be added, provided an apparent reason for their brevity is included, such as "Contract expired." This advice was well-received, offering clarity to alumni navigating complex career paths. Throughout the session, participants actively engaged with presenters, raising questions about career evaluations, appointments, and career opportunities across campuses like Braamfontein and Cape Town. Many attendees expressed their appreciation for the event, with several praising the presentations as insightful and engaging.

The session ended positively, with multiple expressions of gratitude toward IIE Rosebank College for organizing this valuable opportunity for alumni. The interactive nature of the event and the expert advice left participants feeling more prepared and optimistic about their career journeys.



InspHired
 Recruitment Solutions

IIE ROSEBANK COLLEGE Alumni Desk
 IN COLLABORATION WITH YOUTH AND

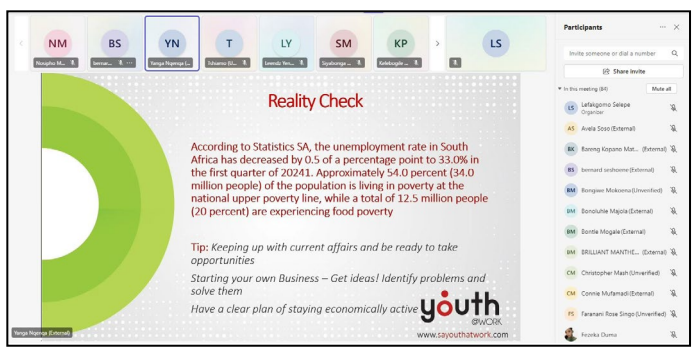



Barriers to Employment

- No qualifications – Through Allison/HP Courses
- No experience – Gain 12 month quality work experience
- No money to look for a job (data, transport, photocopies.) – Get min wage salary
- No device (cell phone, laptop) – YES Phone
- No network to ask for opportunities – Exposure to different platforms, Supervisors, industry speakers through TTT

The YES programme has been designed to mitigate all these barriers

youth @IIE



Reality Check

According to Statistics SA, the unemployment rate in South Africa has decreased by 0.5 of a percentage point to 33.0% in the first quarter of 2024. Approximately 54.0 percent (54.0 million people) of the population is living in poverty at the national upper poverty line, while a total of 12.5 million people (20 percent) are experiencing food poverty

Tip: Keeping up with current affairs and be ready to take opportunities

Starting your own Business – Get ideas! Identify problems and solve them

Have a clear plan of staying economically active

youth @IIE



Ignite Your Career: Attend Our Work Readiness Coaching Sessions!

Have you attended a Work Readiness Coaching session? If not, unlock your potential and enhance your future by attending our Work Readiness Coaching Sessions. Don't miss this opportunity to improve your career prospects. Just get in touch with our Career Center Coordinators from a campus of your choice. The Career Centre offices at various IIE Rosebank College campuses organize Work Readiness Coaching sessions for graduates monthly. These sessions are designed to equip graduates with essential skills for success in the job market, covering areas such as resume writing, interview techniques, networking, and professional etiquette. Whether starting a new career or seeking advancement opportunities, these sessions offer invaluable guidance tailored to IIE Rosebank College graduates' unique needs, fostering professional growth and fulfilment. With the comprehensive support provided by Work Readiness Coaching, As an IIE Rosebank College alumni you can confidently embark on a career journey, equipped with the tools and knowledge needed to succeed in today's dynamic work environment.





FUTURE EVENTS

We host Work Readiness Coaching, Entrepreneurship Workshops, a Master Class on Personal Branding, Financial Literacy Workshops, and Job Navigation events. Each events designed to help you succeed in your professional and personal life, with practical tips and insights from experienced professionals.

Simply visit our website: <https://www.rosebankcollege.co.za/alumni/>
Email: alumni@rosebankcollege.co.za

ALUMNI NUGGET

Excited to support you further, here is an essential nugget from successful IIE Rosebank College alumni:

Attend Alumni Events

Alumni events provide valuable networking, career growth, and learning opportunities. They help you stay connected, gain industry insights, and open doors to mentorship and job prospects. Staying engaged ensures ongoing relevance in your professional journey.



Stay updated on the latest news, events, and happenings.

UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

In our commitment to keeping you in the loop about exciting alumni events and opportunities, we invite you to refresh your contact details.

Your active participation is crucial for sustaining a vibrant alumni community. By updating your information, you ensure you won't miss out on any news, success stories, or upcoming events.

Take a moment to click the link below and update your details:

LINK <https://forms.office.com/r/VxKKQKY6Gs>



GET IN TOUCH WITH OUR CAREER CENTRES OFFICES

IIE RC National Office

8th floor, 23 Jorissen Street
Lefakgomo Selepe, Alumni Coordinator
Tel: +27 11 403 3680
lselepe@rosebankcollege.co.za

IIE RC Braamfontein

23 Jorissen Street, 1st Floor Braamfontein
Centre,
Gift Mtsha, Career Centre Co-ordinator
Tel: +27 11 403 2437
Email: gmtsha@rosebankcollege.co.za

IIE RC Pretoria CBD

239 Pretorius Street, Southern Life Building
Pretoria
Pumla Mmakola Career Center Coordinator
Tel: 012 320 7270 / 087 378 7831
Email: pmmakola@rosebankcollege.co.za

IIE RC Durban

221 Pixley Ka Seme Street, Durban CBD
Kadema Daniso, Career Centre Co-ordinator
Tel: 031 301 5212 / 087 378 7474
Email: kdaniso@rosebankcollege.co.za

IIE RC Pietermaritzburg

118 Chief Albert Luthuli Street
Nomfundo Ntumba, Career Centre Co-ordinator
Tel: 033 101 0117 / 087 378 7519
Email: nntumba@rosebankcollege.co.za

IIE RC Bloemfontein

97 St Andrews Street Bloemfontein
Kamogelo Motsuenyane, Career Centre Co-
ordinator
Tel: 051 101 0414
Email: kamotsuenyane@rosebankcollege.co.za

IIE RC Nelson Mandela Bay

3 Rink St, Port Elizabeth Central, Gqeberha,
Sinxolo Yona, Career Centre Co-ordinator
Tel: 041 101 1985
Email: syona@rosebankcollege.co.za

IIE RC Polokwane

54 Kerk Street, Polokwane, 0700,
Phenyane Ramarobi, Career Centre Co-ordinator
Tel: 015 295 4311
Email: pramarobi@rosebankcollege.co.za

Alternatively, visit our website:

<https://www.rosebankcollege.co.za/alumni/>

