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KZNDOE AND SHELL TO LAUNCH THE 20 DAYS COUNTDOWN AND THE SHELL BURSARY PROGRAMME

The Department of Education in KwaZulu-Natal, in partnership with Shell South Africa, are going to launch the 20 Days Countdown to the 2024 National Senior Certificate (NSC) Examinations in a form of Bursary Programme that targets learners who do STEM Subjects and are from the underprivileged backgrounds.

The 20 Day Countdown launch, is part of the Department's advocacy programme and forms part of the final push to mobilise society to rally behind the Matric Candidates who are going to sit for the 2024 NSC Examinations.

Indukwenhle High School, Menzi High School and Velabahleke High School learners under the uMlazi District, are going to be part of the launch; and they will be assisted to apply online in real-time during the launch, which will take place at Indukwenhle High School.

Learners who are going to participate in the programme are those who have met the relevant academic requirements of 70% and above aggregate pass and will be given an opportunity to further their studies in South African tertiary institutions.

Bursars who will be accepted to be part of this bursary programme will be supported with tuition and accommodation fees, books, laptop (in the first year), monthly stipend, tutoring and workshops, counselling support and many other support programmes.

As part of the bursary programme, selected bursars also get to spend a day in one of Shell's terminals or offices to gain experience of a working environment and to also have conversations with leaders about various corporate and personal topics.

"Shell Downstream South Africa (SDSA) is excited to announce our newly structured bursary programme aiming to benefit learners across South Africa.

This programme is part of our focus on being a strategic partner towards Nation Building. Launching our programme in KZN and in partnership with KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education shows all our efforts to changing people's lives," said Mr Aluwani Museisi, Country Chair, SDSA.

“Education is important in the future development of our country and together we can raise these young leaders. Good luck to the Matric Class of 2024, we are all behind you. Do your part and we are here to support you through the journey to a brighter future,” concluded Museisi.

The MEC for Education in KwaZulu-Natal, Mr Siphon Hlomuka expressed his gratitude to Shell SA for their bursary programme.

“This progressive programme by Shell comes at a very opportune time when many learners are soon going to sit for the NSC Examinations; and it is going a long way to ensure that learners from disadvantage communities are going to have a fighting chance in life,” said MEC Hlomuka, who urged members of the public to give extra support to learners as there are a few days left before the start of the 2024 National Senior Certificate Examinations.

“Remember, every exam is just a step towards your bright future, best of luck to our Matric Class of 2024,” concluded MEC Hlomuka.

The details of the event are as follows:

Date: 01 October 2024
Venue: Indukwenhle High School
Time: 09:00

The media is invited to cover this historic bursary launch in education in the uMlazi District, Province of KwaZulu-Natal.

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