



IIE ROSEBANK COLLEGE

ALUMNI
NEWSLETTER

Second Quarter



As we celebrated the culmination of hard work and dedication at the IIE RC national graduation ceremony, held across all our campuses, we couldn't help but feel a sense of pride and excitement for the bright futures ahead. This edition of our newsletter shines a spotlight on the remarkable achievements of the IIE RC alumni, showcasing powerful success stories that demonstrate the impact of IIE Rosebank

College, an educational brand of the Independent Institute of Education. We're also thrilled to share highlights from our recent masterclasses, where industry experts and thought leaders came together to share insights and expertise. Get ready to be inspired by the journeys of our alumni and the innovative events that are shaping the future of various industries!



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Welcome

to the Alumni Community!
Your Journey Continues Here.

Congratulations on your graduation
and welcome to the IIE Rosebank
College Alumni Community!



EMPOWERING FUTURE: THE POWER OF MENTORSHIP: THE POWER OF MENTORSHIP IN THE IIE RC ALUMNI NETWORK.

The transition from academia to industry underscores the importance of mentorship. In an era where individuals struggle with mental health, mentors serve as catalysts who help individuals navigate challenges, providing valuable advice and guidance to foster growth and development.

Fortunately, with a wealth of knowledge and expertise, mentors illuminate the path to success by providing personal experiences on their own career journeys, lessons learned and insights that make each session both informative and relatable. Mentorship takes many forms, ranging from formal and informal relationships thus considering types of mentorships is crucial for different individuals who require diverse and unique nazeeds, goals and learning styles, furthermore, assessing various mentorship models fosters inclusivity, making mentorship opportunities more accessible and valuable to diverse individuals.

Navigating Mentorship: Here's How

Identifying The Right Mentor

Research potential mentors within the IIE RC Alumni Network and reach out and introduce yourself explaining why you're interested in their guidance then discuss expectations and goals to ensure a good match.

Establishing A Productive Mentorship

Schedule regular meetings and be more open and honest about your challenges and aspirations and ensure to act on feedback and advice to demonstrate commitment.

Maximizing The Mentorship Experience

Set goals and track progress with your mentor's guidance then reflect on your experience and adjust your approach as needed.

Graduation Season Completion

The curtains have closed on an unforgettable year at IIE Rosebank College, and the spotlight shines bright on our graduating class of 2024! The numbers tell a story of triumph: 7,000 graduates took centre stage, a staggering increase from last year's 5,000. Over the course of three months, the IIE graduations danced across the country, starting with the vibrant city of Cape Town and making its way to Durban, Pretoria, Nelson Mandela Bay, and finally taking its final bow in Braamfontein.

As Youth Month took the stage, the spirit of June came alive, reminding us that education is the spark that ignites the fire of possibility in the hearts of our nation's youth. The legacy of the Soweto Uprising of 1976 continues to inspire us, a powerful testament to the impact of young people demanding quality education and shaping their own destinies. At IIE Rosebank College, we remain committed to fanning the flames of knowledge, empowering our students to achieve greatness and make a lasting impact in their communities. In this newsletter, we celebrate the triumphs of our graduates and share stories of perseverance and determination that will leave you inspired and uplifted.



A NEW CHAPTER UNFOLDS: MBOMBELA CAMPUS CELEBRATES ITS FIRST GRADUATION MILESTONE

The IIE Rosebank College Mbombela campus made history in 2025 by hosting its very first graduation ceremony, marking a major milestone in the institution's journey. As the proud graduates walked across the stage, receiving their hard-earned certificates and diplomas, the excitement was palpable.

This momentous occasion not only celebrated the achievements of the graduating class but also highlighted the IIE's commitment to providing quality education and nurturing talent.

The Career Services team saw this milestone as the perfect opportunity to showcase the success stories of the esteemed IIE RC alumni, who have gone on to achieve great things in their respective fields. By sharing these inspiring tales, the team aims to motivate and inspire current students to pursue their passions and turn their dreams into reality. As the Mbombela campus looks to the future, this graduation ceremony sets the stage for a bright and promising trajectory, filled with possibilities and opportunities for growth and success.



ALUMNI IN THE WORLD OF WORK

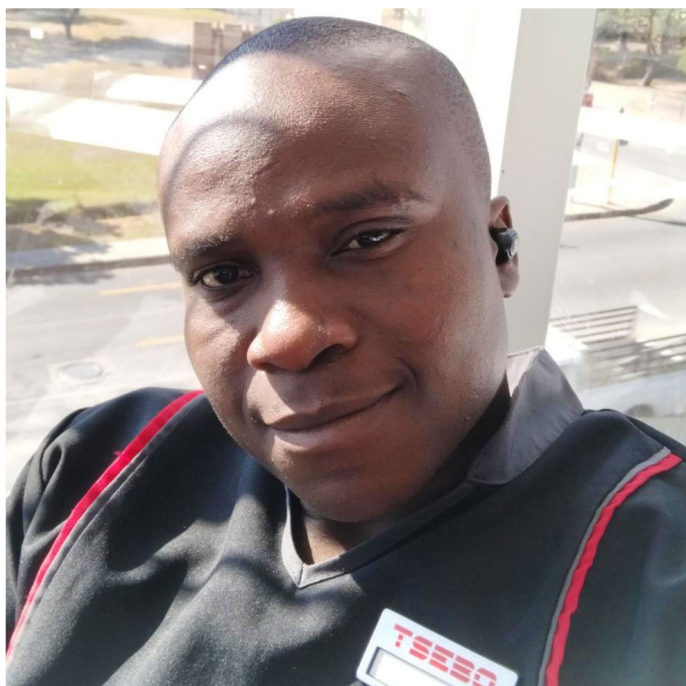


Enough Cawe, is a renowned top achiever from Bloemfontein Campus, Free State of the IIE Rosebank College. Hard-work and perseverance being his intrinsic values he acquired practical skills in digital marketing, brand communication, and strategic planning which led to him successfully completing his degree in Marketing Management. He credits his success to diligence, social media presence and industry exposure- a strategy that paid off when he scored a job at Mercedes Benz immediately after graduating. This is a true epitome of smooth transition to the industry spectrum.



While some have a different pathway into the workforce Haroon Sampson found it challenging to navigate. Moreover, he recalled his four-year-old decision to pursue Business Administration, a field that had long been his passion. He explains his tenure at the IIE Rosebank College Cape Town campus was rewarding both academically and personally as he developed skills that equipped him for the industry world. "Through persistence, networking, and staying true to my goals, I eventually secured a job at Eurolux, that aligns with my interests and values. I am passionate about continuous learning, community development, and helping others reach their potential", he explained.

FROM MOP TO MERIT: ADOLF'S RISE TO SUCCESS



Adolf Clement Mawela's story is one of determination and perseverance. In 2024, Adolf began working as a cleaner at IIE Rosebank College Mbombela Campus, but little did he know that this was just the beginning of a life-changing journey. Encouraged by the Campus Head, Adolf made the bold decision to pursue his education further. Despite the challenges that lay ahead, he enrolled for a IIE Higher Certificate in Logistics and Supply Chain Management, balancing work and study with unwavering dedication.

Throughout the year, Adolf faced numerous obstacles, including discouragement from some close family members who felt he was making a mistake by investing in his education. However, with the support of an extended family member who helped with his fees, Adolf was able to push forward. Managing his working hours and academic responsibilities required immense sacrifice, discipline, and strength, but Adolf remained resolute in his pursuit of success.

The staff at IIE Rosebank College Mbombela Campus played a vital role in Adolf's journey, offering love, encouragement, and constant support that helped him reach this milestone. Their heartfelt messages and words of motivation inspired Adolf to keep going, even when the going got tough. And though it did get – balancing work and study simultaneously felt overwhelming at times, and completing the certificate seemed like a distant dream. But Adolf persevered, and every sleepless night, every setback, and every moment of doubt was worth it in the end.



Today, Adolf is not only a graduate but also a Career Centre Intern, a testament to the power of hope and determination. As he looks back on his journey, Adolf reflects, "This certificate is more than just paper – it's a symbol of growth, determination, and the power of hope." His story serves as a beacon of inspiration to anyone doubting themselves, reminding us that our dreams are valid and that with hard work and perseverance, we can achieve greatness.



EVENTS GUIDE

Cape Town Campus - IT Expo



IIE Rosebank College Cape Town Campus hosted an Information Technology (IT) Expo on May 15, 2025, and it was a great success. Techcon, Capaciti, Geeks4Learning, and Crystal Concepts were amongst the companies that joined. They engaged with current IT students, with 54 students in attendance. There were games played with some exciting prizes won, and most importantly, valuable opportunities were presented to the students.

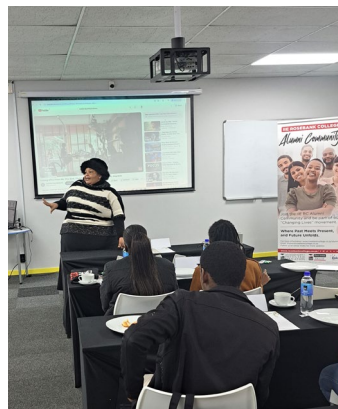
IIE RC Nelson Mandela Bay Campus - Know Your Career





The IIE Rosebank College Nelson Mandela Bay Campus held a 3 day "Know Your Career" Lunch Hour Talk Series, aimed at exposing students to real-world industry insights and preparing them for the world of work. The industry experts shared their professional journey, the realities of working in PR, Business and Legal sectors, and practical tips for success in the fields. The interactive session featured open dialogue, personal stories, and valuable advice, leaving students inspired and better informed about their career paths.

IIE RC Bloemfontein Campus - Business Breakfast



On the 03rd of July 2025, Career service office at IIE Rosebank College Bloemfontein Campus hosted new and old clients for a business breakfast that sought to forge a strong alliance with the Campus for job opportunities, bursaries, excursions and WIL Program.



IIE RC Durban Campus - Business Breakfast



IIE Rosebank College Durban Campus on May 12, 2025 partnered with SANCA on May 12 2025, to host an insightful that narrowed the attention on educating students around dangers of substance abuse. The workshop was a success as students acquired knowledge and advice on how to overcome addiction.

IIE RC Braamfontein Campus - Business Breakfast



IIE Rosebank College Braamfontein Campus hosted a business breakfast on April 10, 2025. The event marked a significant partnership agreement, highlighting the institute's commitment to building growth in the education sector.



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Watch, Be Inspired, and Share!

Join us as we showcase the remarkable achievements of our IIE RC alumni. These stories highlight the power of perseverance, leadership, and innovation.

Catch the Latest Episode!

We're thrilled to present the 12th episode—a must-watch! Click the link below to witness another inspiring alumni journey.

Want to be featured?

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Reach out to us and let's celebrate your journey together. Stay tuned for more episodes, and let's continue to uplift and inspire through.

Alumni On The Move

Meta Logistics Masterclass

The Alumni office from IIE Rosebank College hosted a dynamic Logistics Masterclass, bringing together IIE Rosebank College graduate and industry experts to share valuable insights and experience. The event featured two inspiring alumni who have made significant strides in the logistics industry.

Lunga Ngcobo the trailblazing entrepreneur who turned his vision into a logistics powerhouse. As one of our standout Alumni Lunga co-founded Zuko Logistics, a venture that commenced with a bold mission to service students in Braamfontein and Auckland Park. From navigating the uncharted territory to overcoming the unknown. He shared his journey of entrepreneurship, highlighting the challenges he faced and the strategies he employed to overcome them. He emphasized the importance of innovation, adaptability and resilience in the logistics industry. His passion and dedication to his business were evident and his story served as a motivation to aspiring entrepreneurship in the room.

The masterclass was filled with engaging conversations, Q&A sessions and meaningful interactions between the speakers and attendees. Participants gained valuable insights into the logistics industry and the importance of perseverance and innovation. The event underscores the Alumni Office's commitment to supporting and empowering graduates as they navigate their careers and pursue their passions.

Through events like Logistics Masterclass, the Alumni Office continues to foster a community of like-minded professionals who can learn from support and inspire one another. By sharing their story and expertise, Lunga demonstrated the power of determination and hard work in achieving success in the logistics industry.

The Beyond the Feed masterclass was an excellent example of this commitment, providing attendees with the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in the ever-evolving industry landscape.





Beyond the Feed Masterclass: Unlocking the Power of Visibility for Industry Readiness

On Wednesday, May 28, Alumni Office featured Thandolwethu Makhaya on a masterclass, a digital marketing expert who successfully transitioned from an intern to a permanent role in digital marketing. With his expertise and experience, Thandolwethu shared valuable insights on the importance of visibility on LinkedIn and social media, as well as how to navigate the ever-changing algorithm landscape drawing from his own journey as a graduate of the IIE, the brand of the Independent Institute of Education.

The masterclass emphasized the significance of authenticity in building a strong online presence, particularly on platforms like LinkedIn. Thandolwethu's presentation highlighted the need for professionals to establish a robust network and leverage social media to increase their visibility to potential employers.

During the Q&A session, a graduate raised a pertinent concern about the challenges of getting absorbed by companies despite having extensive experience detailed on their resumes. This concern sparked a thought-provoking discussion on the importance of online visibility and personal branding in today's digital age.

Thandolwethu's expertise and passion for digital marketing shone through in his presentation, providing attendees with actionable tips and strategies to enhance their online presence. The masterclass served as a reminder that in today's competitive job market, having a strong online presence is crucial for professionals looking to stand out and increase their chances of getting noticed by potential employers.

In addition to building a strong online presence, Thandolwethu emphasized the importance of developing essential skills to survive and thrive in the industry. Skills like Emotional Intelligence: Understanding and managing your emotions, as

well as empathizing with others, is crucial in building strong relationships with colleagues, clients, and stakeholders.

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Alumni on the *Move*

IIE Rosebank College Alumna`s Youth Empowerment Program on the Impact of giving back



As Nelson Mandela once said, "The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall." Rebecca Tlabago's story embodies this spirit of resilience and determination. As an IIE graduate from IIE Rosebank College, a brand of The Independent Institute of Education (The IIE), she launched her Youth Empowerment Program (YEP) at Tembisa Commerce and Entrepreneurship with focus on Tourism Hospitality high school in Tembisa, the east of Johannesburg on May 16, 2025, Friday afternoon. She inspired Grade 12 and 11 learners with her story and passion for giving back.

As a testament to the power of purpose and passion, Rebecca's journey from student to social change-maker is a beacon of hope for young people across South Africa. By giving back to her community, she is not only empowering the youth but also creating a ripple effect that can inspire others to do the same. Research has shown that giving back can have a profound impact on both the giver and the receiver, fostering a sense of purpose, self-worth, and social connection.

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In support to her program ikhwekwezi FM invited Rebecca to an interview to provide insides on her newly established programme. During the interview she explained that her vision is to scale YEP across the African continent, providing opportunities for young people to nurture their talents and potential. Her mantra, "Everything I need is already within me," serves as a reminder that confidence, courage, and clarity begin from within. Through her work, she is building a life of purpose that uplifts others, proving that with the right mindset, support, and drive, it's possible to make a lasting impact.



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ALUMNI WISDOM MONDAY

Inspiration from Those Who Walked Before You!

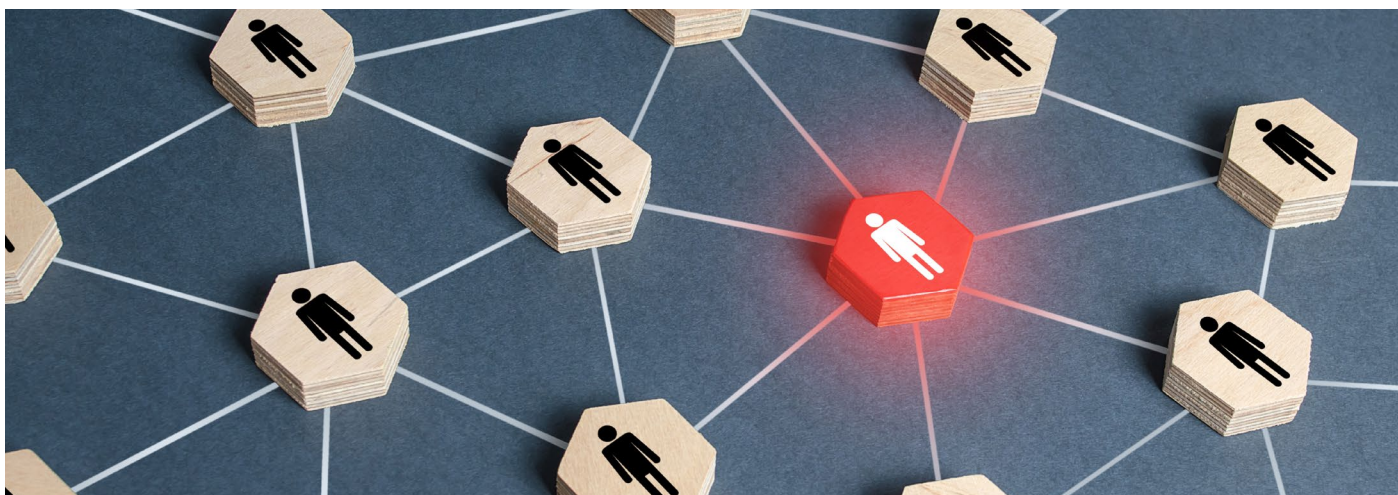
Be part of our **Wisdom Monday** by sharing a mantra you live rather your favourite line that get you to motivation mode! This is how you could be next, send us an email and attach a picture of yourself as well as your mantra!

Join our Wisdom Monday series, where we showcase our IIE RC alumni and the mantras that inspire!

Want to be featured? Please send your picture and one line mantra on the detail below:
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Alumni Nugget

Your Network is Your Net Worth The relationships you build today can open doors you never imagined tomorrow. Stay engaged, nurture relationships, and never underestimate the power of your alumni community.



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