

Higher Education in South Africa – Vukosi Marivate

WHAT'S NEXT?

Overview

- Introduction
- Where are you now?
- Higher Learning
- Accessing Higher Learning
- When you are there
- Further Further
- Questions



Where are you now?

- Grade 11 or 12
- You have some idea of a career
- You have good teachers
- You work hard
- You are asking what's next, or how do you get to where you want to go?



What is next?



Higher Learning

- ◎ Universities (Degree)

- Wits
- UCT etc.



- ◎ Comprehensive Universities (Degree+Diploma)

- UJ
- NMMU etc.

- ◎ Universities of Technology (Diploma)

- TUT
- DUT etc.

Higher Learning - Accessibility

- ◎ Which option to take?
 - Career/Interests
 - Academic Requirements
 - Financial Requirements

Higher Learning - Career

- Interests/Passion
- Try to talk to people in those careers /
Get a Mentor
- Talk to a Guidance teacher
- Questions?

Higher Learning – Academics

- Higher learning institutions have minimum requirements for programs
- Some programs are competitive
- Look at your options



Higher Learning - Finance

- Private Funding + Student Loans (Family)
- Financial Aid (Need)
- NSFAS (Need) www.nsfas.org.za
 - *National Student Financial Aid Scheme*
- Bursaries (Merit/Need)
- Scholarships (Academic/Need)



Finance - Bursaries

- ◎ Who gives Bursaries
 - Companies in all sectors
 - Municipalities (e.g. City of Tshwane)
 - Organisations (e.g. South African Association of Women Graduates)

Finance – Loans NASFAS

- ◎ National Student Financial Aid Scheme
 - Funds needy students
 - Must be paid back after you start working
 - Can apply after admission to Institution
 - All loan repayments are recycled to help future generations of students

When you are there

- ◎ Associate with the right crowd
 - Bad associations will pull you down (Be careful)
- ◎ Your first year/s are very important
 - Manage Yourself (Time, Money, etc.)
- ◎ Make connections with your lecturers
 - Its not school, the lecturer just knows you as a student number
- ◎ Experience Varsity
 - Balance your life

When you are there

- ① Freedom

- Are you Free or are you Dom



- ① Be yourself and know who you are

- ① Communicate with your school and admin about problems.

Whatever you do

- The goal is to get your
DEGREE/DIPLOMA/CERTIFICATE!
- *“Begin with the end in mind” – Stephen Covey*

Further Further

- ⦿ Some might want to do higher degrees
- ⦿ Some careers will require PG degrees
- ⦿ Honours, Masters, PhD, MBA etc.

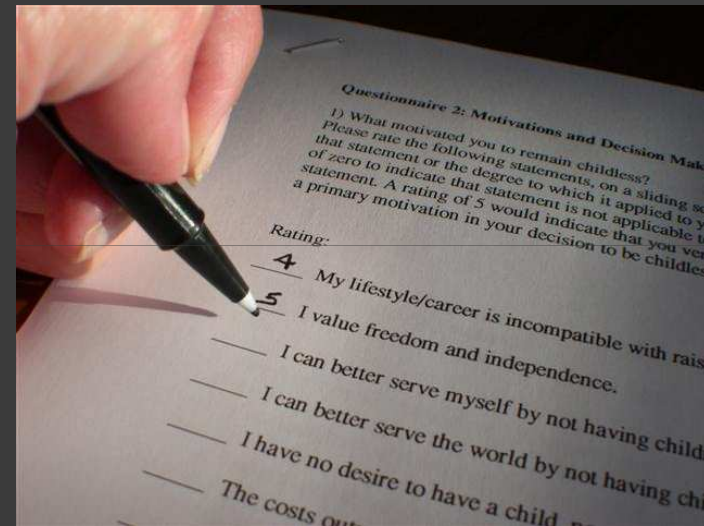
Higher Learning – Conclusion

- Get Information

- Apply in time

- Get your funding

- Good Luck and Do well in your exams



Questions?

- ⦿ Remember: The goal is to get your **DEGREE/DIPLOMA/CERTIFICATE!**
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- ⦿ *www.bursariesdirectory.net*