



Tsogo High School Alumni Society

Alumni NEWS

1st Issue – Second Half 2005

Welcoming note

It is the knowledge of who we are and where we come from that drove us to start this society. In our humble efforts to give back to the current and future learners of Tsogo High School, we hope to give you more information about this initiative and extend our invitation for you to join us in our efforts.

We launched the society in June 2005 as a voluntary non-profit association and in this short space of time, we have managed to successfully complete projects aimed at assisting the learners at Tsogo High School with career development. This newsletter aims to inform you the reader of the society's achievements and hopefully get you involved in any way you feel appropriate.

It is a privilege for us to welcome members, learners, teachers, parents, patrons and friends to the first edition of the Tsogo High School Alumni Society newsletter.

As Tsogo H.S. alumni ourselves and individuals who have a particular interest in the school, we hope to help each other in achieving the goals that we have set for ourselves, and the learners. We are particularly happy about our projects and we hope the excitement will rub off onto you and we can have a long, fulfilling and prosperous relationship.

We hope you will learn more about the alumni society, its aims and that you will assist where possible going forward.

The Executive Committee

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Meet the Executive Committee

All former students of Tsogo High School are classified as the 'Alumni' of the school. To become a member of the Alumni Society, an individual is required to sign on as a member by simply completing a form.

Membership is however open to anyone wishing to assist the society and is not restricted to Tsogo alumni only.

Members are also encouraged to make regular financial donations (where possible) and/or offer their services/time.

The society currently has an executive committee consisting of 7 former Tsogo High School students. The executive committee is elected based on the rules stated in the society's constitution.

The following are the founder members and current executive committee:

The Chairperson

Mr Thabo Ncalo, Tsogo High School (1997)

Qualifications:

BCom(Business Finance and Accounting) Wits
Diploma in Treasury (Institute of Bankers SA)
Certificate in Banking (Institute of Bankers SA)

Employer: Investec Asset Management

The Deputy Chairperson

Mr Mpho Makene, Tsogo High School (1997)

Qualification:

NDip (Electrical Engineering) TWR (Uni.Jhb)

Employer: Schneider-Electric (Nigeria)

The Secretary

Miss Thabiso Mokwena

Tsogo High School(1997)

Qualification:

BSc(ChemEng) UCT

Employer: Shell & BP South African Petroleum Refinery

The Treasurer

Mr Malebo Chadi, Tsogo High School(1997)

Qualifications:

BCom, HDipAcc Wits

SAICA FQE Part 1

Employer: Ernst and Young

The Project Coordinator

Mr Pono Mogoera, Tsogo High School (1997)

Qualifications:

BSc (ChemEng) UCT

Employer: PBMR (Pebble Bed Modular Reactor)

The Events Coordinator

Miss Motlalepula Phakedi

Tsogo High School (1997)

Qualification:

BSc(Information System) Rhodes University

Employer: GijimaAst

The Additional Member

Miss Joan Legalamitlwa

Tsogo High School (1997)

Qualification:

BA(Film, Media and Visual Studies) UCT

Employer: Encounters Film Festival

Project update - 2005

The society was founded in June 2005 following informal communication amongst the current members. In the 6 months to December 2005, the society has successfully undertaken two projects. The society has exposed Grade 11 and 12 learners to careers in accounting and the science/engineering fields.

Project 1: Sasol Technox

(Technology exhibition hosted by Sasol in Sasolburg)

19 August 2005

Grade 11 and 12

The alumni society, with the help of donors arranged a field trip for Grade 11 and 12 learners planned to send Maths and Science learners to the annual Sasol Technology Exhibition. The trip was sponsored by the society and received a transport donation for the trip from a fellow alumnus, Mr. Dan Marokane.

The Sasol Techno X Exhibition is an annual maths, science and technology exhibition. The festival offers displays, workshops, tours, talks and hands-on activities. The interactive fair is aimed at learners, students and the general public.



Some of the learners who attended the exhibition



Bus trip to Sasolburg

The learners arrived on the day of the trip neatly dressed in green and gold. They were looking forward to learning something new and were excited about meeting new people. There were many questions of who had arranged the trip – the alumni society still being very new to them!

Events on the day:

- ✦ Imagining Einstein
- ✦ Walking Tall
- ✦ Forensics, DNA

Imagining Einstein

The learners had the opportunity to 'meet' the great scientist Albert Einstein. Einstein gave the learners an account of his life, his feelings, his family and work.



The learners with Albert Einstein



Walking Tall

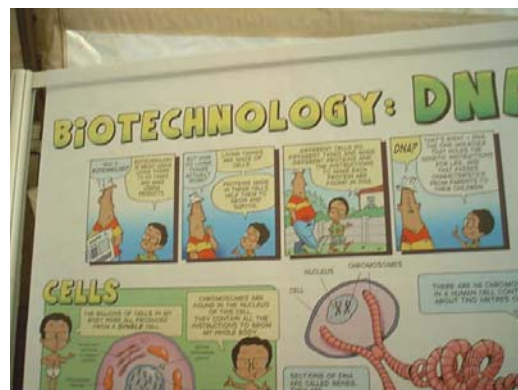
- ✦ This was an animated history of creation from a scientific perspective. To the learners and all participants, it was a thought provoking act.

Forensics

- ✦ An interactive session for would-be biotechnicians. There were lots of visuals and games.



At the forensics exhibition



The exhibition got the learners talking. Questions were asked and the excitement lasted to the very end. This was truly an outing to remember!

Special thank you:

Mr. Dan Marokane (sponsorship), Mrs. Vicky Manamela (Sasol), Mr. Tumisang Modimokwane, Ms. Motlalepula Phakedi (on behalf of the society), Mrs. Rapodile, Tsogo High School and parents.

Project 2: The Accounting profession

Hosted and sponsored by **Ernst and Young** (accounting and auditing firm)

21 September 2005

Grade 11

The society organised a second trip for Grade 11 learners wishing to pursue a career in accounting (and become Chartered Accountants). The day was filled with a lot of learning about the accounting professions and the learners got the opportunity to meet and interact with accountants at the Ernst and Young office in Illovo, Johannesburg.



The day began with a trip from Tsogo high School in Mmakau to Johannesburg. Their spirits were high and they were hungry for knowledge. One of the members of the society, Mr. Malebo Chadi accompanied the learners to his home office and introduced them to the field of accounting.

Malebo was very kind to take off the day from his work and give the learners a talk about the profession, what they need to do and study to get there and the many benefits of being a Chartered Accountant.



A tour of the Ernst and Young office



Learning about the accounting profession

The exhibition introduced the learners to accounting and also taught them about careers in auditing, corporate finance, financial management and tax advisory. The learners were informed about where to study, what courses to enrol for and what they needed to do to succeed.

Overall, the event was very informative and the learners gained fully from it. The society remains committed to exposing Tsogo High School learners to the accounting field and help alleviate the shortage of black accountants in South Africa.

Special thank you:

Ernst and Young (hosting and trip sponsorship), Mr. Malebo Chadi, Tsogo High School and parents.

About the Tsogo Alumni Society

The Tsogo High School Alumni Society was formally formed to allow former Tsogo H. School students to contribute to the intellectual wellbeing and upliftment of the current students. The society was initiated by individuals from the Class of 1997.

The society aims to assist students in making good career choices by providing guidance and mentorship to the students. It also aims to equip the learners with the confidence and know-how in tackling life's challenges.

The society has the following main activities planned:

Career Talks (where the society invites individuals or organizations, to give an account of their chosen careers and the paths they followed to get where they are)

Career Site Visits (where learners are given an opportunity to go to different organizations to experience, explore and learn)

Mentorship Programme (an opportunity for alumni to help pave the learners' career path in the direction that the learners have chosen themselves... This is an interactive programme where the learner can get first-hand information from alumni who have chosen a similar career path)

Social, Cultural and sports activities (An opportunity to develop a well-rounded, informed individual, who will be able to face life's challenges head-on)

Learnership and Post Matric Programmes

(Information on bursaries is made available to learners, and this opens up opportunities for the learners to obtain bursaries and study loans)

Other planned activities:

Fund raising activities (For the society to achieve its goals and grow, we need funds to keep us going, several fund raising activities will be organized in that regard)

Meetings and feedback sessions (Members are invited to attend meetings in helping the society reach new heights, feedback and criticism will be highly appreciated to help us grow)

Open Days (Inviting higher learning institution in and around Gauteng, to come to Mmakau for a day to 'sell' themselves to the learners will give the learners a good flow of career-institution relationships)

Fun Days (Interactive sessions between all stakeholders – learners, teachers, parents, members, sponsors- of the society, to open communication channels and to discover potential)

We have set up a good communication structure with the school where issues affecting the development of the society and learners are discussed. Mrs. Rapodile, who is the school's guidance councilor, is at the focal point of all communication and interaction. The society functions as an independent entity but respects the rules and regulations set forth by the school and the SGB.

The society is a non-profit organization that survives solely on Donations. To contribute to this worth cause and make a difference in a learner's life, kindly make a donation into the following account:

Bank: **Standard Bank**
Branch: **Van der Walt Street, Pretoria**
Branch no: **0145**
A/c name: **Tsogo High School Alumni Society**
A/c number: **635073595**
Account type: **Savings**

The year ahead: 2006

Planned activities

1st quarter

- Introduction to the field of stock broking and investments (JSE Securities Exchange)
- Alumni mentorship programme launch
- School event

2nd quarter

- Introduction to the field of Medicine and healthcare (Grade 11 and 12 learners)
- Introduction to the field of Information Technology

3rd quarter

- Introduction to the field of engineering
- Sasol Techno Exhibition (science and technology)

4th quarter

- Introduction to the accounting profession
- Year-end member event (AGM)

The society requests your assistance with fundraising, ideas and project co-ordination. Any help in ensuring that these planned activities are successfully completed would be very appreciated!

To offer your assistance kindly contact any member of the executive committee.

Featured member and Career: Film Industry

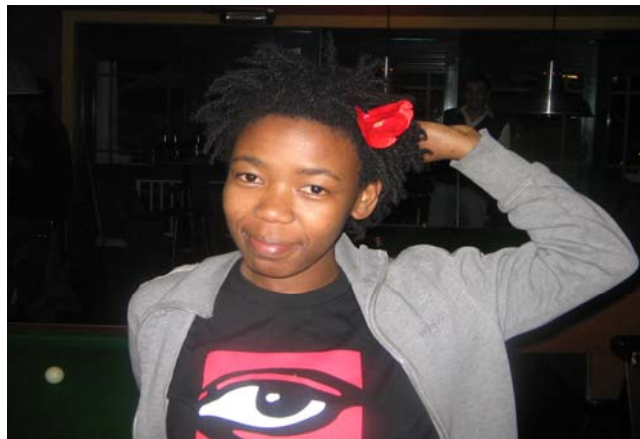
Joan Legalamitlwa received her BA (Film, Media and Visual Studies) degree from UCT in 2002.

Throughout her University career, Joan was involved in a number of leadership positions including president for the Humanities Student Council in 2001 as well as Orientation leader for both the Humanities Faculty in 2001 and the International Academic Programmes Office in 2001 and 2002.

In June 2001, she received a Mellon Foundation Scholarship to go on an exchange programme to Smith College, an all women Liberal Art College, in Massachusetts USA.

Joan has been working in Film Festivals since 2001. As a student, she worked for Input (**I**Nternational **P**ublic **T**elevision) in 2001 and The Cape Town World Cinema Festival in 2003. In 2004, she began her career as Project Co-ordinator at Encounters and has since been promoted to Deputy Director.

At Encounters, she has been involved in all the logistical and administrative aspects of running a Film Festival, including searching and selection of films, negotiating screening fees and other deals, programming, freight management and co-ordinating filmmaking workshops. In her capacity as Deputy Director, Joan has travelled to other local and international Film Festivals where she has acquired diverse Festival organisation skills. In September/October 2005, she will serve on the Documentary jury for the Apollo Film Festival in Victoria West, South Africa.



How to join and contact the society

To formally become a member of the society, you may request a **Membership form**. A form will be sent to you along with the society's **Prospectus** and **Constitution**.

You may also visit the following web page to read more about the society.

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Tsogo97_AlumniClub

Executive member contact details:

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- Thabiso Mokwena (Secretary) 082 365 1620

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Ms. Didintle.Motsuenyane (project assistance)
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Investec Bank Ltd. (bursary information)



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