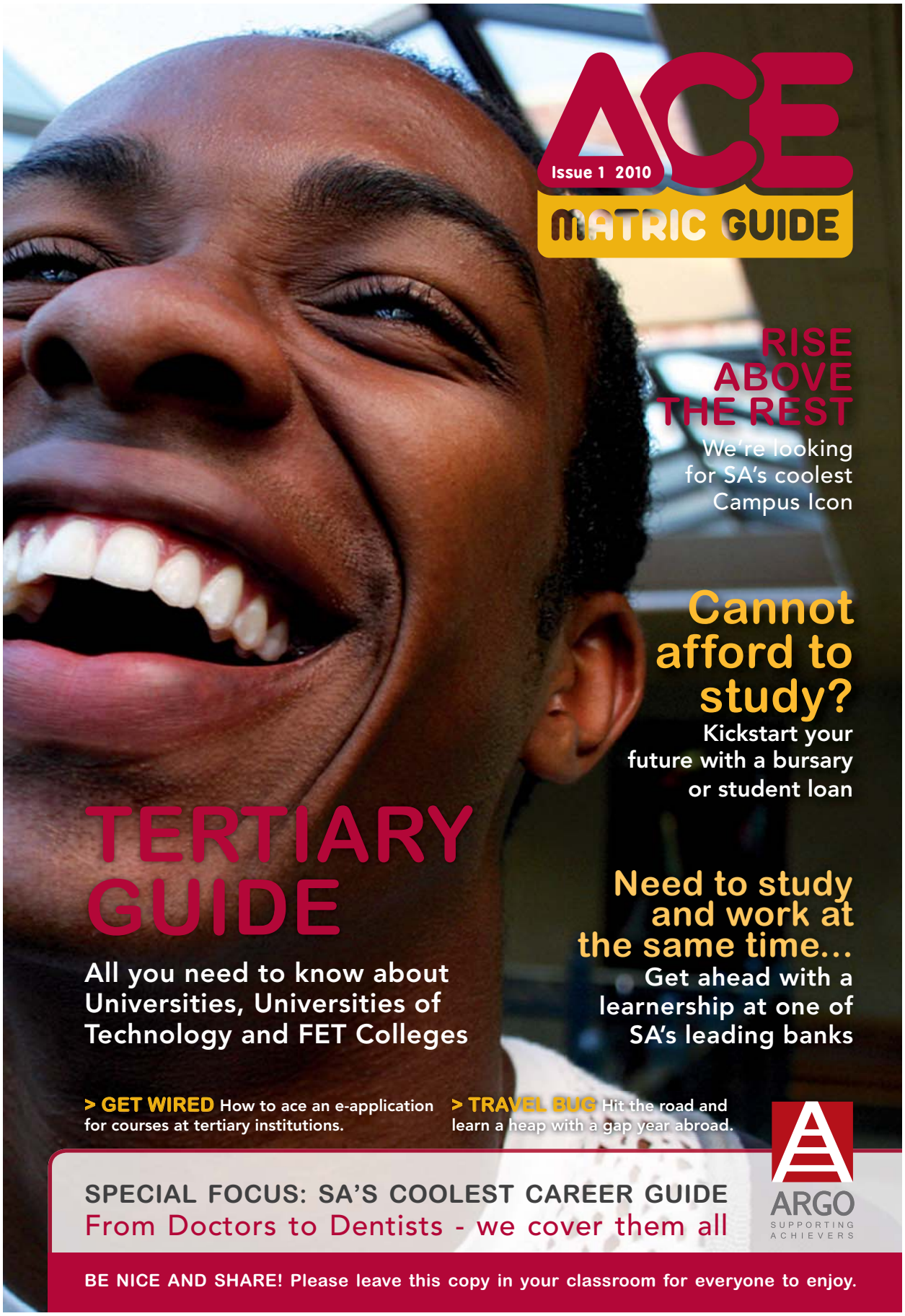


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ACE YOUR PERFORMANCE BY DISCOVERING YOUR ESP!

What's the secret to achieving your potential and becoming all you were meant to be? This is a big question when you are dealing with the reality of trying to do your best in your finals and figure out what's next?

So, while you are struggling with your school work and trying to figure out how to manage your exams, take a break and think about who you are and how that can help you ace your future. Here's a way to create a compass to help you figure it all out!

You need to discover and unlock your ESP!

How come some people just seem to know how to be successful? They seem to always make the right choices, without even thinking? It's because they have 'ESP', which acts as an inner compass. So what exactly is ESP? ESP is about knowing what to do, when and who to link up with, so that you get the best out of life.

E > 'E' is about the energy you have for life and what you do with it.
You can mooch through life blaming others or you can make it happen. But it's difficult to make it happen, when you are wondering what "it" is?

S > The 'S' is about discovering your STRENGTHS!
What are you successful at? What subjects do you know well? What gives you confidence in your studies and school work? What do you need to do to get the work done? Focus on the subjects that you do well in. These are where your future career lies!

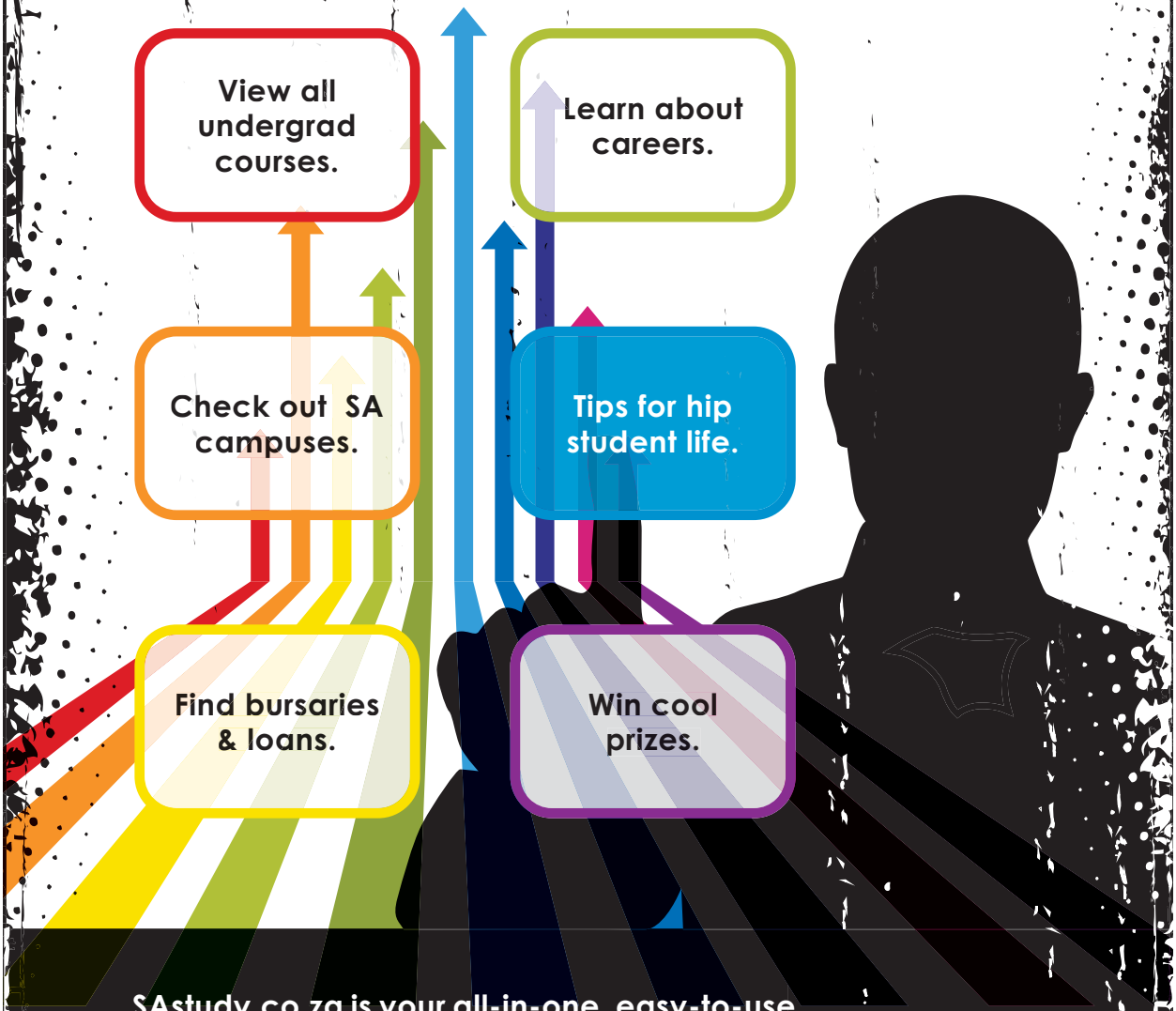
P > 'P' is about your 'people' – your friends, your 'tribe' and the PARTNERSHIPS that support you!
They will be there for life, so choose wisely. Spend your time with people who help you develop and grow, people that give you energy and strength to be the best you can be - people that challenge the way that you think! Your true strength lies in building partnerships with friends that have different strengths to you. They will be studying with you through the tough times, the fun times AND they share the workload! Success is about Partnership!



So stop wasting time, stop stressing and ACE your Matric year by discovering the secret and developing your ESP! This guide is designed for you, so that you can unlock your potential and develop your ESP to the max and become a real ACE!

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WHAT IS A UNIVERSITY?

A University is an institution of higher education and research, which grants academic degrees in a variety of subjects. A university is a corporation that provides both undergraduate education and postgraduate education. The word university is derived from the Latin universitas magistrorum et scholarium, roughly meaning "community of teachers and scholars." *(Source: Wikipedia.org)*

FAST FACTS

Johannesburg Attractions:

- Gold Reef City
- Emmarentia Dam
- Hector Pieterson Memorial
- Johannesburg Art Gallery
- Hyde Park Corner Shopping Mall
- Johannesburg Planetarium
- Nelson Mandela Bridge
- Montecasino
- Turffontein Race Course
- Zoo Lake

Student Life at UJ:

There is traditionally a Rag Week in the beginning of each year during which there are various events such as:

- Concerts to raise funds
- A fun-day
- Miss First-Year contest
- UJ float procession

There are a number of student societies on each of the four UJ campuses such as Vuma, Institute of Biokenetics and Sport Science, X-Rated, Mining Forum.

UJ Arts Centre offers you world-class shows and stunning exhibitions like David Kramer and Taliep Petersen's Ghoema, Groet die Grotman en Nataniël in Concert.

The UJ Gallery hosts regular 'walk abouts' and insight into the exhibitions.

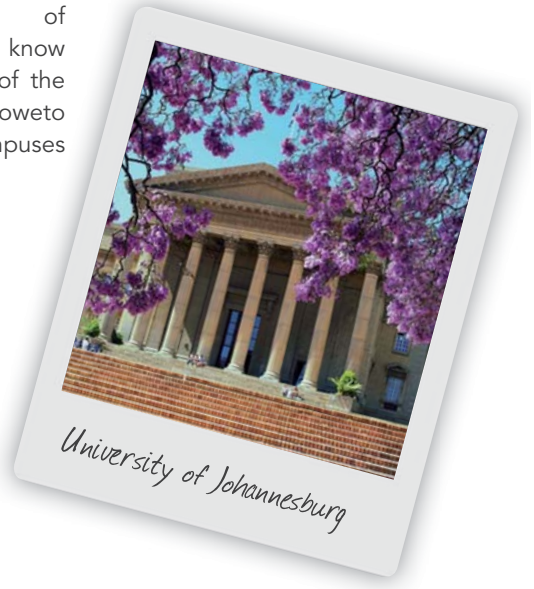
FEATURED UNIVERSITY: University of Johannesburg

The University of Johannesburg's logo has two birds coming together and embracing an open book. This is representative of the union of two respected learning institutions into a powerful new entity.

The birds also represent the concepts of freedom – freedom at academic, personal and social levels; independence, success, dignity and mobility, all of which are the core values of the University of Johannesburg.

The University of Johannesburg as we know it today, is the result of the incorporation of the Soweto and East Rand campuses of Vista University into Rand Afrikaans University (RAU); and the merger of RAU with the Technikon of Witwatersrand (TWR) in 2005.

Johannesburg, boasting with metropolitan bliss and business influence, is a superb location for a university. Not only does this huge city bring diversity in cultures and people, but in the range of student activities and programmes offered by the University of Johannesburg.



UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG

WHAT IS A UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY?

A University of Technology offers technological career directed educational programmes, focuses on innovative problem solving research and engages with government/business/ industry with communities as end users.
(Source: SATN)

FAST FACTS

Cape Town attractions:

- Table Mountain
- V&A Waterfront
- Robben Island
- Baxter Theatre
- Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens
- Cape Point
- Chapman's Peak drive
- Ratanga Junction

Student Life at CPUT:

Students Organisations and Groups:

- CPUT Choir
- Green Team (environmental awareness)
- CPUT Students in Free Enterprise
- Agrifood Technology Campaign
- Indigenous Knowledge Systems group
- Debating Society
- Environmental Resource Centre
- Drama Society

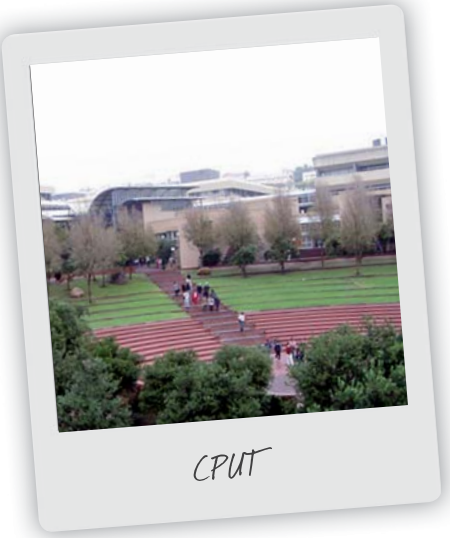
FEATURED UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY: Cape Peninsula University of Technology

CPUT is situated within a cosmopolitan hive where students are spoilt for choice on activities and events. With campuses in the Belville and Cape Town areas, CPUT not only provides a diverse social life but easy access and quality education too.

The Cape Technikon and Peninsula Technikon merged in 2006 and became established as the Cape Peninsula University of Technology. The institution is now referred to as CPUT (or alternatively known as C-PUT) and envisions to be the heart of technology, education and innovation in Africa.

The institution boasts modern facilities and the use of innovative teaching and learning approaches, making studying more enjoyable.

CPUT is a leading University of Technology in the Western Cape and offers a variety of career-focused undergraduate and postgraduate courses across a broad spectrum of subjects.



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The Cape Peninsula University of Technology is the only university of technology in the Western Cape.

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WHAT IS A PUBLIC FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING COLLEGE?

Public Further Education and Training (FET) Colleges strive to provide high-quality education and training to help you equip yourself with the qualifications and skills you need to start out on a chosen career path. You will gain invaluable life skills to meet the many challenges of the working world with more than just a qualification on paper. Public FET Colleges also work closely with players and stakeholders from various industries to help fulfill the great need that exists for trained, skilled and qualified employees through customized education and training programmes *(www.fetcolleges.co.za)*

FAST FACTS

Boland Attractions:

- Assagaaibosch Nature Reserve
- Limietberg Nature Reserve
- Burgerhuis Museum
- Butterfly World
- Franschhoek, Stellenbosch, Paarl and Wellington Wine Routes
- Groot Drakenstein Prison
- Huguenot Memorial
- Afrikaans Taal Museum
- Wijnland Auto Museum
- Drakenstein Lion Park

Student Life at Boland College:

The students annually partake in the following activities on campus:

- First years' orientation
- First years' concert
- Mr. and Miss Boland College
- Fundraisers for community projects
- Student Ball

Each of our Student Representative Council members (SRC) and House Committees (HK's) has been assigned to a different portfolio. They coordinate a range of social activities on and off campus. Different social responsibility projects also play a big role at Boland College.

FEATURED FET COLLEGE: Boland College

The Western Cape Education Department transformed fifteen existing colleges into six mega Further Education and Training (FET) Colleges. The Boland College as we know it today, is a result of it.

With five campuses in Paarl, Strand, Worcester, Stellenbosch and Caledon, Boland College is situated in the jewels of the Western Cape surrounded by undisturbed natural splendour and communities with character. Seeking entertainment and maintaining a vibrant social life is never an obstacle for these towns.

Boland College (BC) serves a widespread, rural geographical area known as the Boland Region. The provincial demographics show that the Western Cape population is a fairly young population with 65 % of its occupants being under the age of 35 years.

Not only do the five campuses open up doors for various students, but Boland College also has 9 faculties to study in any field your heart desires.

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Boland College



Make 2011 your year to get qualified at Boland College.

Decision time!
It is that time of the year again where you are faced with the tough decision of what you want to become one day! Choosing where to go and what to study is not easy. It is important to realise that this decision is not just about getting a great education, but will also help to shape you into the person you want to become. It is an exciting time where you will learn the necessary tools to make informed, life changing decisions, meet friends for life, create opportunities for yourself and discover who you really are. So why settle for something you just like when you can choose something that you really love?



Choose Boland College
At Boland College we strive for excellence, quality and creativity in our way of work and believe in the community that we serve. Our qualifications are designed to provide hands-on practical experience related to a particular vocational field. We offer a wide selection of pre- and post matric qualifications in the following fields: ***Tourism, Agriculture, Civil Engineering and Building Construction, Electrical Infrastructure Construction, Engineering and Related Design, Finance, Economics, Accounting and Business, Hospitality and Catering Services, HR, IT and Computer Science, Marketing, Office Admin, Safety in Society, Secretarial, Early Childhood Development, Sport and Marketing Management.***

Location Location
With five campuses located across the Western Cape in Caledon (with satelite campuses in Hermanus and Kleinmond), Paarl, Stellenbosch, Strand and Worcester - each with excellent hostel facilities (excluding Strand) to create that home away from home.

Campus life
The Student Representative Council (SRC) on each campus is responsible for organising social activities ranging from dances and sport activities to various charity events. This is the perfect opportunity to experience new cultures, make new friends and create lasting memories.

Supporting our students
Student Supporters assist our students with counselling, academic development, career guidance and job hunting skills. If you require financial assistance, options are available through various Award- and Bursary schemes from the College and/or private organisations.

Your future starts here
The investment towards your future career is one of the most important you will ever make. Luckily, we at Boland College are totally invested in you reaching your full potential and we're behind you all the way.

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LOVING ME

With a healthy self-esteem, you'll feel happier, enjoy better relationships and be more likely to achieve your goals.

Having a low self-esteem is not cool and can negatively affect your life. But, let's face it – sometimes the way you feel about yourself can take a real knock. Rebecca Mamabolo, from loveLife's call centre, describes self-esteem as how you view yourself: "A high self-esteem means you believe in yourself and value yourself, while a low self-esteem means you don't."

The problem with low self-esteem is that it can lead you to doing negative things, like taking drugs or having unprotected sex. "If your self-esteem is low, you won't care so much about taking good care of yourself by exercising and eating healthily either," says Mamabolo. "With a low self-esteem, you're also more likely to get into abusive relationships, which can leave you feeling lonely and sad. You're also less likely to leave a cheating partner who could give you HIV."

Mamabolo adds that having a low self-esteem may cause you to choose the wrong career because you don't trust your own decisions, and feel it's better to just follow whatever course, diploma or degree your friends are doing. "It's also harder for you to achieve your goals if you don't feel good about yourself," she says. So, remember to respect yourself so others can do the same!



3 steps to boost your self-esteem:

1. Be confident about your background. Whether you come from a poor or rich family, be proud of where you come from. But, remember: you're not defined by your zip code. Only YOU have the power to dictate where you go in life.

2. Surround yourself with positive, loving people who treat you with the respect you deserve. If you hang around people who are always negative and put you down, you'll start believing what they say and this could dent your precious self-esteem.

3. Everyone has potential. Just because you struggle with Maths or Science, doesn't mean there is nothing you're good at. There will always be something that'll make you shine. Think about your positive qualities if you want to raise your self-esteem. Write a list of 20 things you like about yourself (your friends and family can add to the list too). Look at the list often, especially when you need a boost, and Make YOUR Move to be the best you can be.

If you're feeling depressed, confused or stuck in life, love and school, call loveLife's toll-free youth line on 0800 121 900. You can also send a 'Please call me' to 083 323 1023 and a counsellor will call you back as soon as they are available.

loveLife make your move

WHAT IS A SETA?

"SETA" stands for Sector Education and Training Authority and is an initiative of the National Skills Development Strategy (NSDS). SETAs are concerned with education and training to increase the skills of people in their sector through learnerships, internships, learning programme type matrix and unit based skills programmes.

SETAs have been established to manage the many skills development needs. Each SETA coordinates skills development in its particular sector. For example, there is a SETA that deals with the banking sector: another is concerned with skills development in the information technology sector; another is responsible for the manufacturing sector and there is a SETA for agriculture. The SETAs cover both the public and private sectors.

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MAIN FUNCTIONS

As SETAs are primarily responsible and accountable for sector education and training, the core functions of a SETA include skills development planning and implementation, promoting learnerships, and the accreditation of providers to offer quality education and training for a particular sector.

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Finding the talented people we need and addressing the long-standing skills shortage in the financial services industry in South Africa is the aim of the Banking Skills Academy (BSA) which was created by the PBB Learning and Development within Standard Bank in 2008. The BSA is a virtual academy which will, in time, host a number of Standard Bank specific learnership programmes aimed at unemployed youth.

Standard Bank

STANDARD BANK
BANKING SKILLS ACADEMY

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

The skills development opportunity, in the form of the BSA, is a 12-month national learnership programme for unemployed matriculants and graduates, under the age of 30 years. It is an integrated training programme to help inexperienced job seekers to start a career in the financial services industry. It consists of e-learning modules, self study assignments and facilitator led training sessions on topics like:

- Banking Fundamentals;
- Communication Skills;
- Numeracy and Literacy;
- The financial services regulatory landscape;
- Personal effectiveness;
- Basic credit and investment principles:
- Customer service skills: and
- Banking roles (referred to as role-based curricula, e.g. Tellers Enquiries, Cash Centre, etc)

Besides training, learners are also exposed to real life working environments with the purpose to apply their learning in a workplace setting (like the branch) with the guidance of a workplace coach. Learners are also required to complete workplace assignments and assessments to prove that learning has taken place.

At the end of the learnership, that's in month 13, the hard work and effort of competent learners are celebrated at a graduation ceremony where learners are awarded a National Certificate in Banking. This means that when the 12 month contractual obligation expires with the bank, the learners can seek employment with any employers in the economy.

Intake of new learners occurs at certain intervals during the year and does not necessarily happen at the beginning of each year. Invites to join the learnership are posted with recruitment agencies and advertisements in local newspapers.

For more information on the Banking Skills Academy learnership, please mail us Bankingskillsacademy@standardbank.co.za.



So you want to know more about a career in banking?

Your are about to make one of the most important decisions of your life - the direction of your career. If you have matric maths or accounting, are computer literate and have a good command of English - you have the right ingredients to consider a career in the finance sector.

Standard Bank offers a learnership programme called the Banking Skills Academy that runs over 12-months. This is your opportunity to get a foot in the door once you have completed matric.

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APPLY FOR A LEARNERSHIP

A learnership is a vocational education and training programme to facilitate the linkage between structured learning and work experience in order to obtain a registered qualification. It combines theory and workplace practice into a qualification that is registered on the NQF (National Qualifications Framework)
(Source: www.skillsportal.co.za/learnerships)

A person who successfully completes a learnership will have a qualification that signals occupational competence and which is recognised throughout the country. Learnerships are offered by corporations such as Standard Bank.
(Source: South African Qualifications Authority)

DURATION

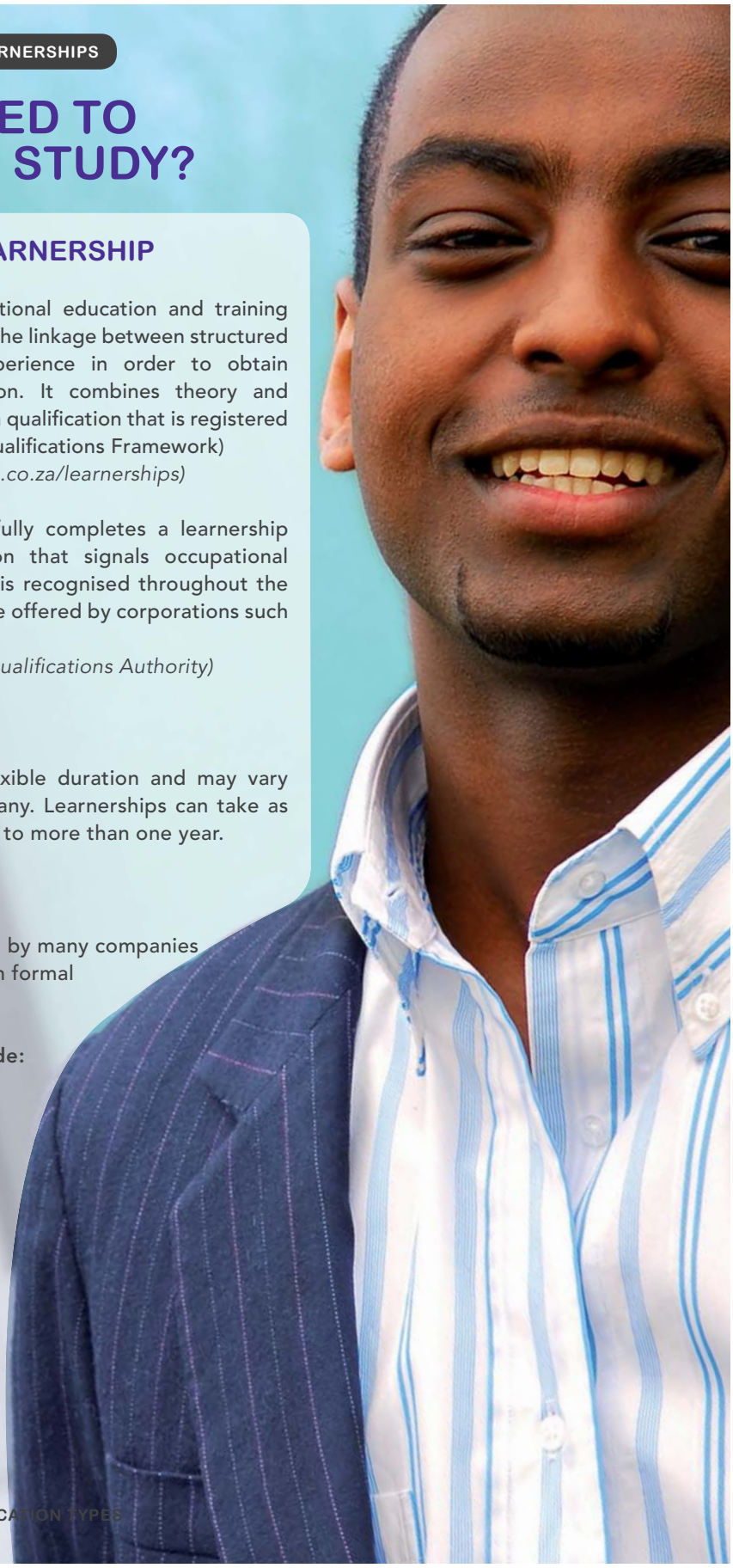
Learnerships have a flexible duration and may vary from company to company. Learnerships can take as long as couple of weeks to more than one year.

EXAMPLES

Learnerships are offered by many companies to improve skills through formal training and learning.

These companies include:

- Edutel
- Standard Bank
- Liberty Life
- FNB
- Bankseta



WHAT IS A CERTIFICATE?

This is an entry-level higher education qualification. The qualification is primarily vocational, or industry oriented. The qualification also serves to provide students with the basic introductory knowledge, cognitive and conceptual tools and practical techniques for further higher education studies in their chosen field of study.

The knowledge emphasises general principles and application. This qualification signifies that the student has attained a basic level of higher education knowledge and competence in a particular field or occupation and is capable of applying such knowledge and competence in an occupation or role in the workplace.

(Source: Department Of Education - Higher Education Qualifications Framework)

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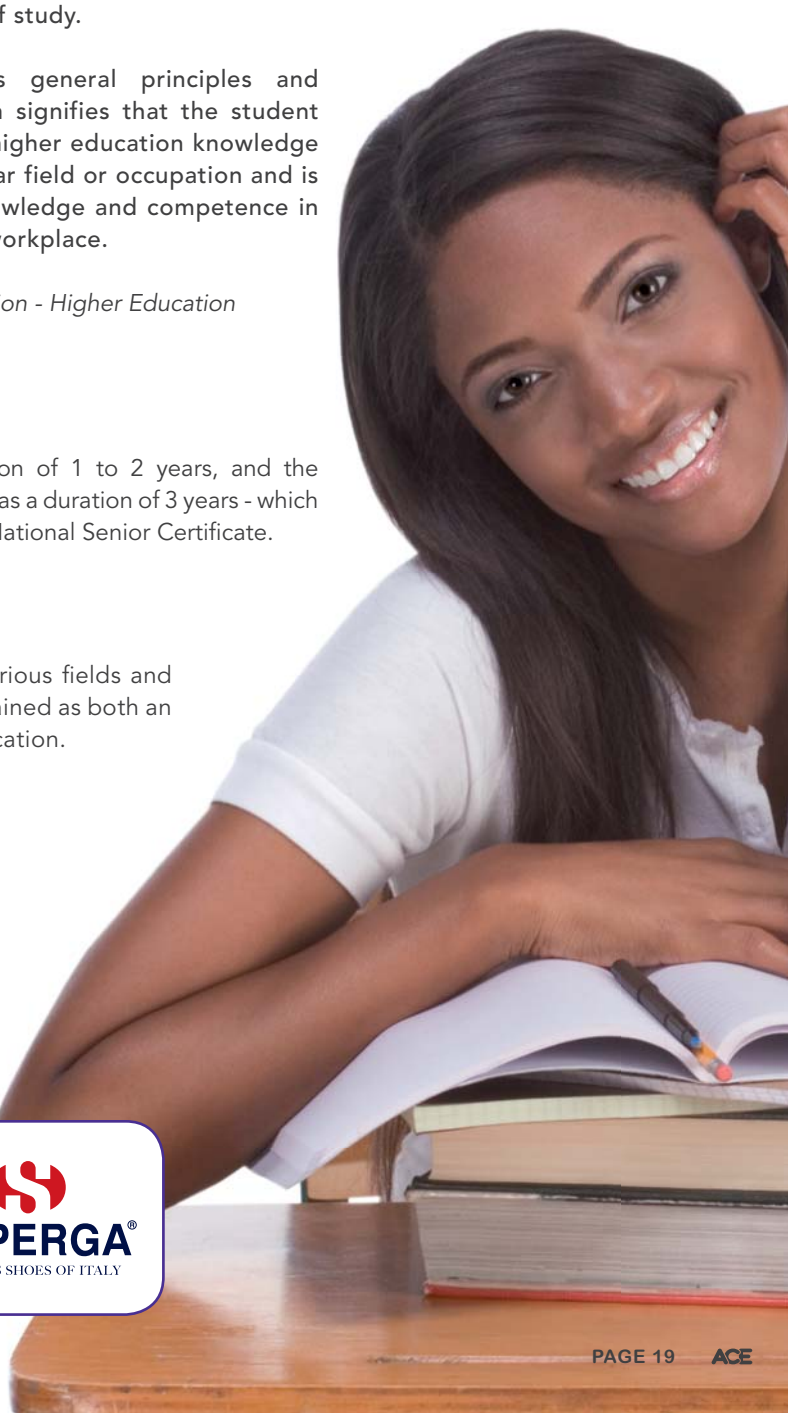
Certificates may have a duration of 1 to 2 years, and the National Certificate Vocational has a duration of 3 years - which is a practical alternative to the National Senior Certificate.

EXAMPLES

Certificates are specified in various fields and levels of study, and can be obtained as both an under- or postgraduate qualification.

Examples include:

- National Certificate
- Vocational (Grade 10 - 12)
- National Certificate
- National Higher Certificate
- Advanced Certificate
- Postgraduate Certificate



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WHAT IS A DIPLOMA?

This qualification is primarily professional, vocational or industry specific. The knowledge emphasises general principles and application.

The purpose of the Diploma is to develop graduates who can demonstrate focused knowledge and skills in a particular field. Typically they will have gained experience in applying such knowledge and skills in a workplace context.

A depth and specialisation of knowledge, together with practical skills and experience in the workplace, enable successful students to enter a number of career paths and to apply their learning to particular employment contexts from the outset.

(Source: Department Of Education - Higher Education Qualifications Framework)



DURATION

The duration of a diploma is normally 3 years of full time study or through distance learning.

EXAMPLES

Examples include:

- National Diploma in Office Management and Technology
- National Diploma in Fine Art
- National Diploma in Photography
- National Diploma in Tourism Management

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WHAT IS A BACHELORS DEGREE?

This qualification has as the primary purpose of providing a well-rounded, broad education that equips graduates with the knowledge base, theory and methodology of disciplines, and enables them to demonstrate initiative and responsibility in an academic or professional context. Principles and theory are emphasised as a basis for entry into the labour market, professional training, postgraduate studies, or professional practice in a wide range of careers.

(Source: Department Of Education - Higher Education Qualifications Framework)

DURATION

Bachelor's degrees normally have a duration of 3 years, in some instances it is offered over a 4 year period. These degrees include a Bachelor of Law, Bachelor of Technology and Bachelor of Engineering.

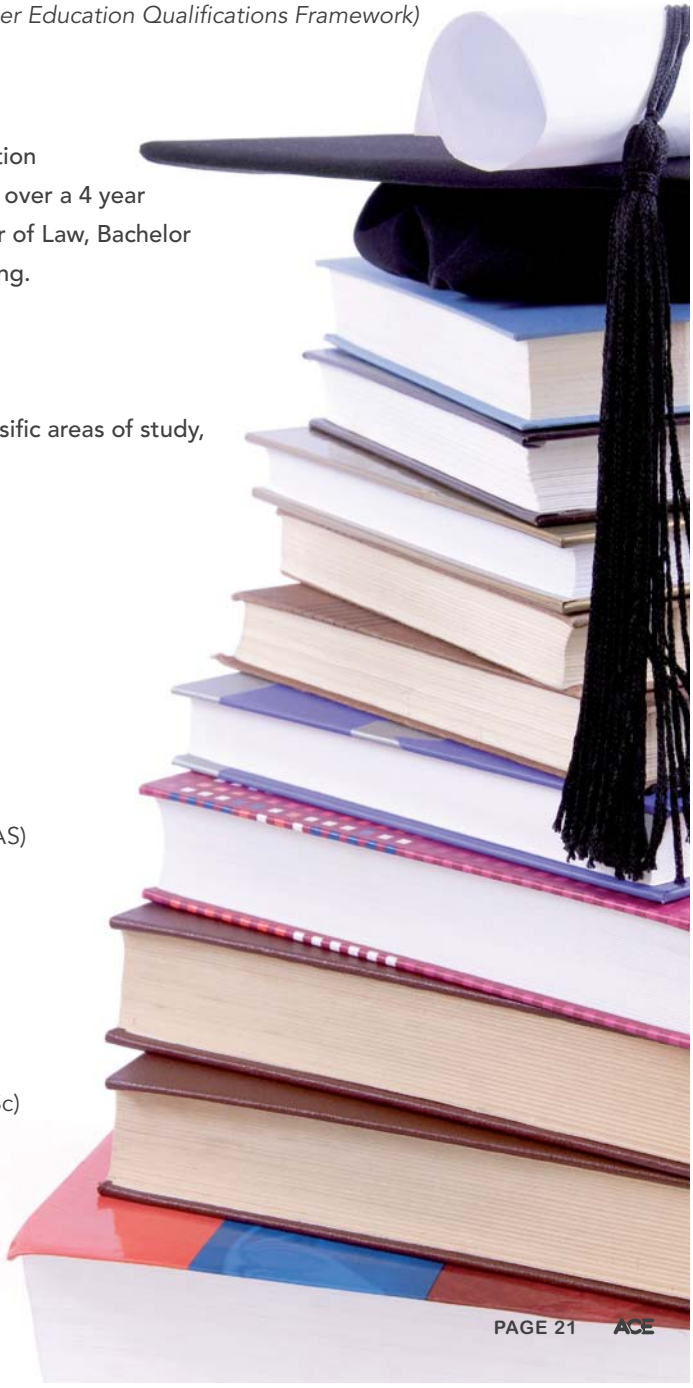
EXAMPLES

Bachelor's Degree (designators*) are spesific areas of study, disciplines or professions.

Examples include:

- Bachelor of Arts (BA)
- Bachelor of Social Science (BSocSc)
- Bachelor of Science (BSc)
- Bachelor of Commerce (BCom)
- Bachelor of Engineering (BEng)
- Bachelor of Architectural Studies (BAS)
- Bachelor of Agriculture (BAgri)
- Bachelor of Law (LLB)
- Bachelor of Education (Bed)
- Bachelor of Medicine
- Bachelor of Surgery
- Bachelor of Business Science (BBusSc)
- Bachelor of Technology (BTech)

Designators are the title awarded for a spesific degree, e.g. Bachelor of Arts is known as BA.



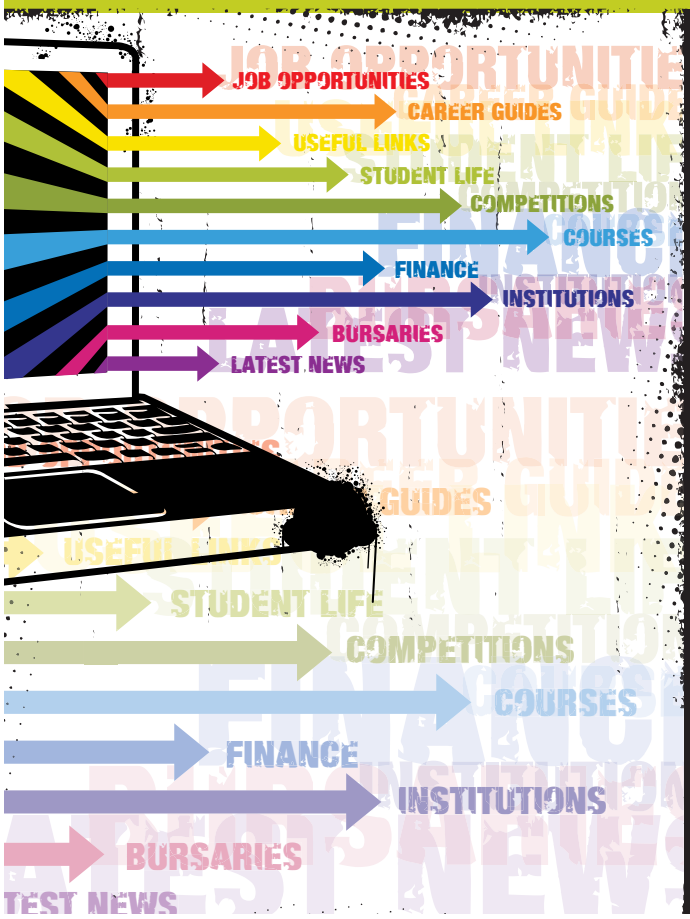
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FACULTY OF COMMERCE

Commerce is a division of trade or production which deals with the exchange of goods and services from producer to final consumer.

It comprises the trading of something of economic value such as goods, services, information or money between two or more entities.

Careers in the commerce field include actuaries, accountants, financial analysts, auditors, etc.

POSSIBLE COURSES

- National Certificate Vocational in Finance and Accounting
- National Higher Certificate in Accounting
- National Higher Certificate in Financial Information Systems
- National Diploma in Human Resource Management
- BTech in Taxation
- BTech in Internal Auditing
- BAccSc in Accounting Science
- BBusSc in Management
- BCom in Marketing Management
- BCom in Business Management

(Source: www.sastudy.co.za)

POSSIBLE CAREERS

- Accountant
- Business Manager
- Actuary
- Financial Advisor
- Auditor
- Entrepreneur
- Economist
- Communications Manager
- Marketing Manager
- Tax collector



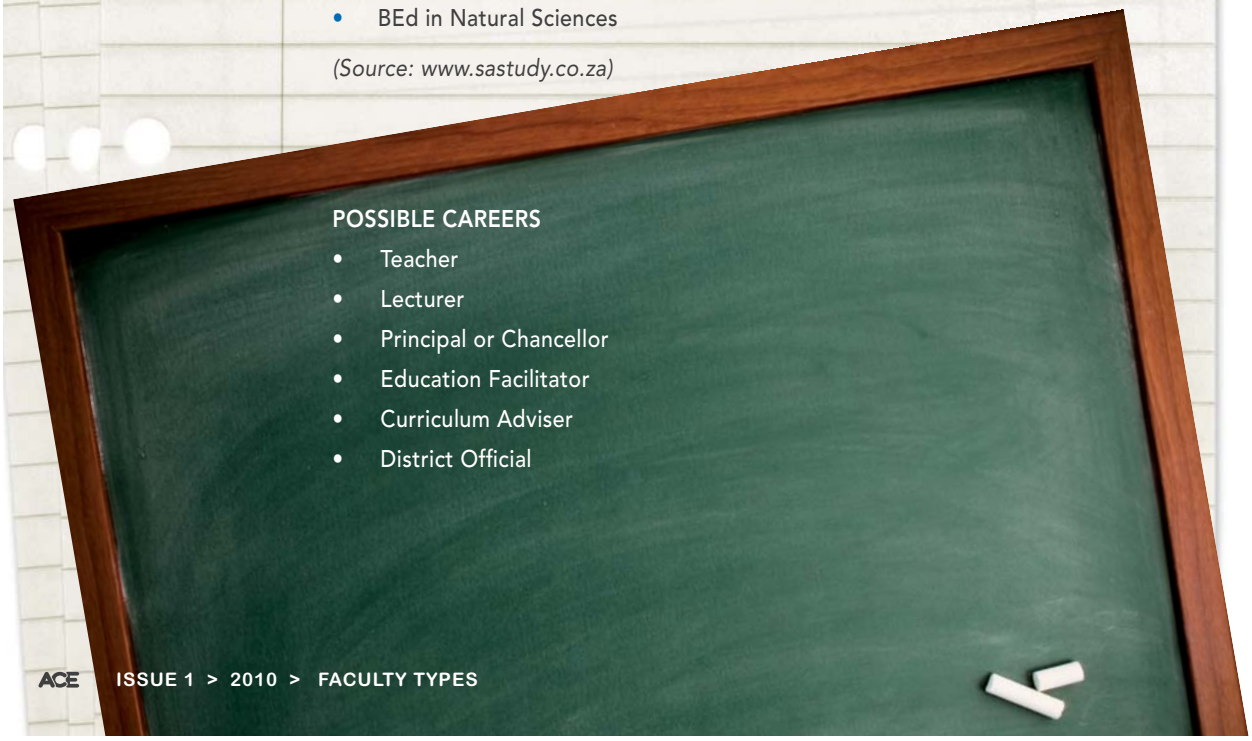
FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Education encompasses both the teaching and learning of knowledge, proper conduct, and technical competency. It thus focuses on the cultivation of skills, trades or professions, as well as mental, moral and aesthetic development. Careers include high school educators, university lecturers, special needs educators and much more.

POSSIBLE COURSES

- Certificate in Education, Training and Development
- Further Education and Training Certificate in Early Childhood Development
- National Certificate Vocational in Education and Training
- National Diploma in Childhood Development
- University Higher Diploma in Adult Basic Education and Training (ABET)
- Bachelors in Education
- BEd in General Education (Foundation Phase)
- BEd in General Education (Intermediate Phase)
- BEd in General Education (Senior Phase)
- BEd in Natural Sciences

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POSSIBLE CAREERS

- Teacher
- Lecturer
- Principal or Chancellor
- Education Facilitator
- Curriculum Adviser
- District Official

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

Engineering is the application of scientific and mathematical principles to practical ends such as the design, manufacture, and operation of efficient and economical structures, machines, processes, and systems. Most simply put, engineering is the innovation and practice of creating better and cheaper means of utilising natural resources of energy and materials.

POSSIBLE COURSES

- National Certificate Vocational in Electrical
- National Certificate Vocational in Engineering
- National Diploma in Mechanical Engineering
- National Diploma in Mine Engineering
- BEng in Aeronautical Engineering
- BTech in Electrical Engineering
- BEng in Mechatronics
- BEng in Chemical Engineering
- BEngSc in Biomedical Engineering
- BSc in Chemical Engineering

(Source: www.sastudy.co.za)



POSSIBLE CAREERS

- Electrician
- Civil Engineer
- Chemical Engineer
- Mechanical Engineer
- Mine Engineer
- Biomedical Engineer
- Computer Engineer
- Operations Manager

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCE

Health science is the applied science dealing with health, and it includes many sub disciplines. There are two approaches to health science: the study and research of the human body and health-related issues to understand how humans (and animals) function, and the application of that knowledge to improve health and to prevent and cure diseases. Possible career opportunities within the health science field are Nutritionists, Neurologists, General Practitioners, Dentists, etc.

POSSIBLE COURSES

- National Certificate in Dental Assisting
- National Diploma in Radiography (Nuclear Medicine)
- BTech in Biomedical Technology
- BTech in Radiography (Diagnostics)
- Bachelors in Medical Science
- Bachelors in Optometry
- Bachelors in Pharmacy
- BCur in Nursing
- BSc in Dietetics
- BSc in Physiotherapy

POSSIBLE CAREERS

- General Practitioner
- Dentist
- Neurologist
- Nutritionist
- Dietician
- Physiotherapist
- Radiologist
- Anaesthetist
- Surgeon
- Pathologist

(Source: www.sastudy.co.za

FACULTY OF LAW

Legal education is the education of individuals who intend to become legal professionals or those who simply intend to use their law degree to some end, either related to law (such as politics or academic) or business. Careers within the legal industry include advocates, legal advisors, attorneys, civil servants to mention a few.

POSSIBLE COURSES

- National N Diploma in Legal Secretary
- BTech in Correctional Service Management
- BLur with Financial Planning
- BA in Law
- BAccLLB
- BBusSc in Law
- BCom in Law
- LLB (2 years)
- LLB (3 years)
- LLB (4 years)

POSSIBLE CAREERS

- Legal Advisor
- Attorney
- Judge
- Legal Secretary

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FACULTY OF MILITARY SCIENCE

Military science is the study of the technique, psychology, practice and other phenomena which constitute war and armed conflict. It strives to be a scientific system that if properly employed, will greatly enhance the practitioner's ability to prevail in an armed conflict with any adversary. Careers within the military and armed force include fighter pilots, soldiers, aviators and much more.



POSSIBLE COURSES

- BMil in Organisational and Resource Management
- BMil in Human and Organisational Development
- BMil in Technology
- BMil in Technology and Management
- BMil in Technology and Defence Management
- BMil in Security and African Studies

POSSIBLE CAREERS

- Support Branch Officer
- Combat Branch Officer
- Organisational Manager
- Resource Manager

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FACULTY OF SCIENCE

The word science is rooted in Latin and means knowledge or to know. Thus it is the effort to discover and understand how things around us work. Scientists are able to analyze information through controlled experiments, research and collecting data. The information gained through science can be used to improve and sustain our living conditions.

POSSIBLE COURSES

- National Diploma in Analytical Chemistry
- National Diploma in Biotechnology
- National Diploma in Food Technology
- BTech in Cartography
- BSc in Astrophysics
- BSc in Applied Geomatics
- BSc in Botany
- BSc in Chemistry
- BSc in Microbiology
- BSc in Physics (Nuclear Physics, Radiation, Therapy Physics and Laser Physics)
- BScEd in Physics

POSSIBLE CAREERS

- Scientists
- Researchers
- Lecturers
- Biologists
- Microbiologists
- Astronomers
- Food Technologists
- Quality Controllers

(Source: www.sastudy.co.za)

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Humanities go hand in hand with social sciences and comprises of academic disciplines concerned with the study of social life of human groups and individuals such as sociology and economics.

With a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree you will learn to communicate, to solve problems and to think critically and analytically. BA graduates are highly skilled and able to work in almost any field.

Art is a creative discipline that involves various aspects of entertainment and recreation such as drama that appeals to the senses and emotions of humans. Careers in the Art and Social Science industry has vast potential and can range anything from an Actor, Researcher and Geographer to a Film Producer.

POSSIBLE COURSES

- National Certificate in Jewellery Manufacture
- National Diploma in Fashion
- National Diploma in Graphic Design
- National Diploma in Journalism
- BTech in Surface Design
- BTech in Interior Design
- Bachelors in Music
- BA in Development Studies
- BA in Geography
- BMus in Dance

POSSIBLE CAREERS

- Social Worker
- Interior designer
- Musician
- Dancer
- Political Analyst
- Sociologist
- Translator
- Communications Officer
- Town and Regional Planner
- Public Development Manager

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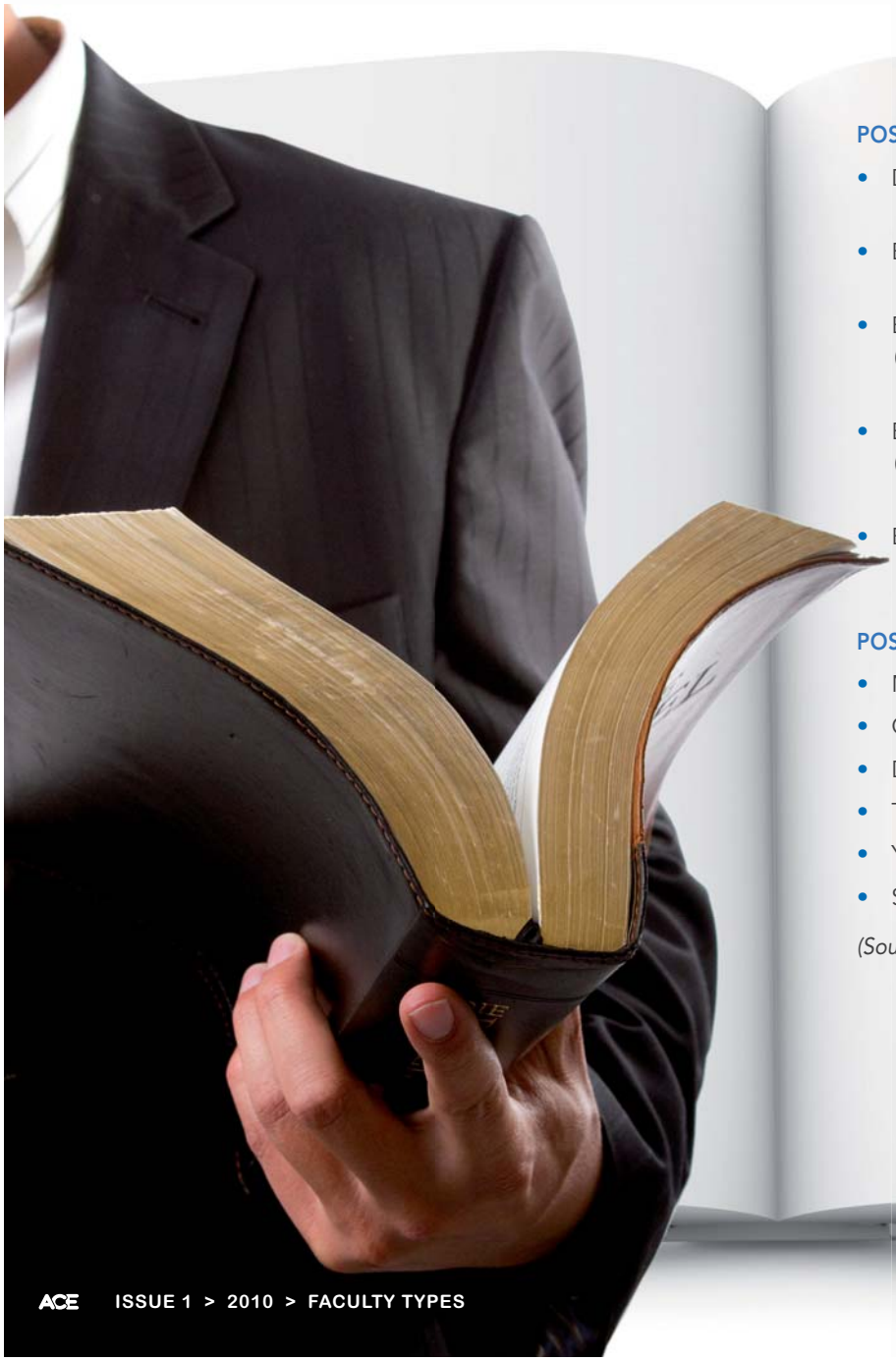
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FACULTY OF THEOLOGY

Theology is the study of God from a religious perspective. It has been commonly defined as reasoned discourse about God or the gods, or more generally about religion or spirituality.

Theology is frequently contrasted with religious studies, which is the study of religion from a secular perspective. Careers in Theology are directed at the religious field and opens up the doors of opportunity for those interested in leading a spiritual life in both personal and work environments.



POSSIBLE COURSES

- Diploma in Theology
- Bachelors in Theology
- Bachelors in Theology (Pastoral Counselling)
- Bachelors in Theology (Urban Ministry)
- BA in Theology

POSSIBLE CAREERS

- Minister
- Counsellor
- Deacon
- Theologian
- Youth Worker
- Social Worker

(Source: www.sastudy.co.za)

DREAMING ABOUT STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS?

An entrepreneur is a person who has possession of a new enterprise, venture or idea and assumes significant accountability for the inherent risks and the outcome.

Entrepreneur in English is a term applied to the type of personality who is willing to take upon herself or himself a new venture or enterprise and accepts full responsibility for the outcome.

(Source: www.wikipedia.org)

7 TIPS FOR STARTING UP SMALL

There is no formula for guaranteeing the success of a startup and each new venture comes with its own story and own personal ideas of how to make it work. Still, there are some commonalities that you can learn from and prepare to encounter before heading into the great unknown.

Here are seven simple and easy things to watch out for before and during the first few months of your startup's life, particularly if you are starting up without an investment or strategy partner.

1. The younger you are, the better;
2. Avoid going it alone;
3. Working from home means you live at your office;
4. Get your pricing right from the outset;
5. Don't underestimate word of mouth marketing;
6. Know your tax basics;
7. Beware of the admin beast.

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A LOAN IN THE DARK

So, you have decided what you want to study and where but have no idea how you are going to fund your studies? The universe has made provisions for those in your position and it is called a student loan.

Here is a list of things you need to apply for a student loan at any bank:

- Proof of registration at an educational institute;
- Copy of your id;
- A parent or guardian to sign as surety;
- Copy of their id, 3 months bank statements and payslip;
- Your latest exam results;
- Proof of residence;
- Proof of your varsity costs.

5 THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE ACCEPTING A LOAN

Borrowing money to finance your studies is a good option and here are 5 things to consider before signing on the dotted line:

1. Type of loan: View the pros and cons of different loans.
2. Your Credit Score: This determines if you are eligible to obtain a loan.
3. Interest Rates: Compare different interest rates and choose the one that best suit your situation.
4. Loan Term: A short loan term has a bigger monthly repayment than longer terms but a lower interest rate.
5. Early Settlements: Make sure there are no penalties for settling the loan before the loan term is over.

When deciding on which bank to pin your academic hopes and dreams, it is really a case of which one suits your current situation best.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

There are many ways to finance your studies and a financial institution is the way forward. Before you pay a visit to your local bank offices, talk to your education institution about bursaries and student loans. They will be able to provide you with ample information that may assist you with funding. Banks are a quick and easy way to have access to funds without waiting a substantial amount of time before you are endorsed with the funds you require to complete your degree.

To apply for financial aid you must be registered or have a letter to prove that you are accepted as a student at an institution, you need your identity document and your previous results. In order to process the application the financial institution also requires that you have a surety for the loan. Your surety can be your parent or guardian and must provide his or her proof of residence, income, bank statements and identity. When the latter is received the financial institution is able to determine the amount of finance you qualify for and the terms and conditions of the repayment of the amount borrowed.





PERSONAL LOANS OR STUDENT LOANS?

Financial institutions can provide two kinds of loans to help solve your tuition problem.

PERSONAL LOANS

A personal loan is a transaction between you and a financial institution and the first repayment is the month after you receive the funding from the bank. A loan term can be arranged that suits you best. This can be anything from 12 months to 5 years or more.

STUDENT LOANS

Student Loans are very similar to personal loans. The only difference is that student loans require proof of admittance to an education institution and takes a bit longer to process. Student loans are very convenient for those who are not working full-time yet as you only start repaying your loan when you have completed your studies. If you are applying at an institution other than a university or techinikon, you are expected to pay off the interest every month.

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WHAT IS A BURSARY?

A bursary is a monetary contribution by an institution to further the applicant's education. There are two types of bursaries: a student bursary and a company bursary.
(Source: Wikipedia.org)

Student bursaries are provided to students with either high academic achievements or based on their financial need. In the case of company bursaries, the student is expected to work for the company once they graduate to "repay" the bursary awarded to them.

How to apply for a bursary?

Applying for a bursary is similar to applying for a loan at a financial institution. You need to have proof of registration, residence, costs and identity.

Bursary applications can take up to three months to process. The outcome of the application will be posted to the applicant.

HINT:
Attach a motivational letter with your application stating your current situation and motivation for studying further.

How to search for a bursary?

If you have registered at an institution, then why not make use of their Bursaries and Loans Department? They should have information on bursary providers. Talk to them and see if anything matches your criteria.

Another option is to do an internet search on all the bursaries and financial aid options available. Do remember to read and understand the terms and conditions clause for all the options you are interested in, to avoid this being a determining factor later down the line.



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Most students we assist receive money for their studies by way of low-interest loans. These loans (capital and interest) are repayable as soon as the student begins to work and earns more than R30 000 per year. The parents of the student are not responsible for repaying the loan.

Bursaries for specific fields of study are also available, e.g. the Funza Lushaka Bursary for teaching (certain teaching subjects only), bursaries for social work studies, as well as bursaries for various scarce skills such as engineering, IT, and so on. (If you wish to become a teacher, you may qualify for the Funza Lushaka bursary. You can obtain more information about the bursary from the relevant website – www.funzalushaka.doe.gov.za – or from the University Financial Aid Office. Applications for the bursary may be done online. Bursaries are also available for studying social work, and you can obtain further information from your regional Department of Social Development office or the University Financial Aid Office.)

For FET Colleges, the financial assistance available through NSFAS is a bursary for studying a National Certificate (Vocational).

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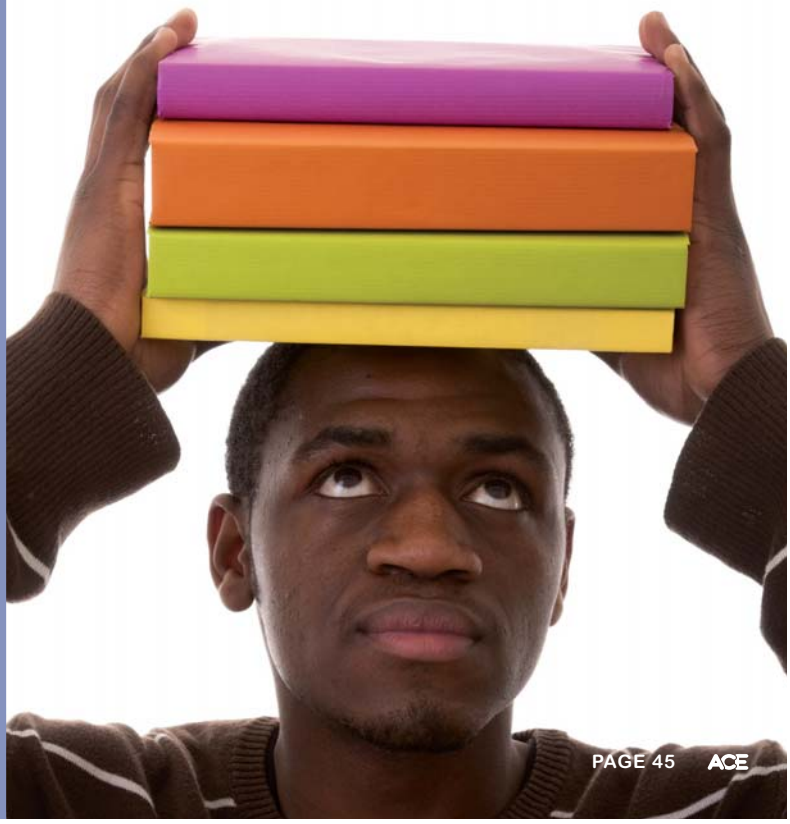
The process for accessing financial assistance is as follows:

- First apply for academic acceptance at a public University or FET College. Most universities close their applications by about September or October of the previous year, and it is best to use either the end-of-year Grade 11 results or the June Grade 12 results to apply for a place at a university.
- Apply for financial assistance at the University's Financial Aid Office or the Student Support Centre at an FET College. The Financial Aid Office handles a variety of different types of financial assistance – scholarships, bursaries and loans. At most universities, the bulk of the money available for student funding is money administered by the National Student Financial Aid Scheme.
- Take along your South African barcoded ID, proof of household income (such as, salary or pension slips for your parents/legal guardians, or a sworn Affidavit confirming that the household has no form of income), and a list of the names of other members of your household who are studying or at school, as well as certified copies of their IDs.

Applications for funding are not dealt with by NSFAS directly, so you need to contact the Financial Aid Office or FET College Student Support Centre concerning anything relating to your application.

If you wish to find out more about the funding administered by NSFAS, you can write to us at **Private Bag X1, Plumstead 7801**, or telephone our call centre on **021 763 3232**, or SMS your query to **32261** (Standard SMS rates apply), or send an e-mail to **info@nsfas.org.za.**

If you'd like to find out more information regarding FET Colleges, contact your nearest College. Alternatively, visit the Department of Higher Education and Training website, www.education.gov.za. (Click on "DoE Branches" and then on "Further Education and Training" and on "Youth Development".)



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A JOULE OF A CAR!

Optimal Energy is a South African company behind the development of the Joule – an all-electric car designed and produced in SA. The Joule, powered by lithium battery cells, is designed by former Jaguar designer, Keith Helfet. Optimal Energy is planning to build a plant in East London to produce the car.

SOLAR THERMAL RESEARCH

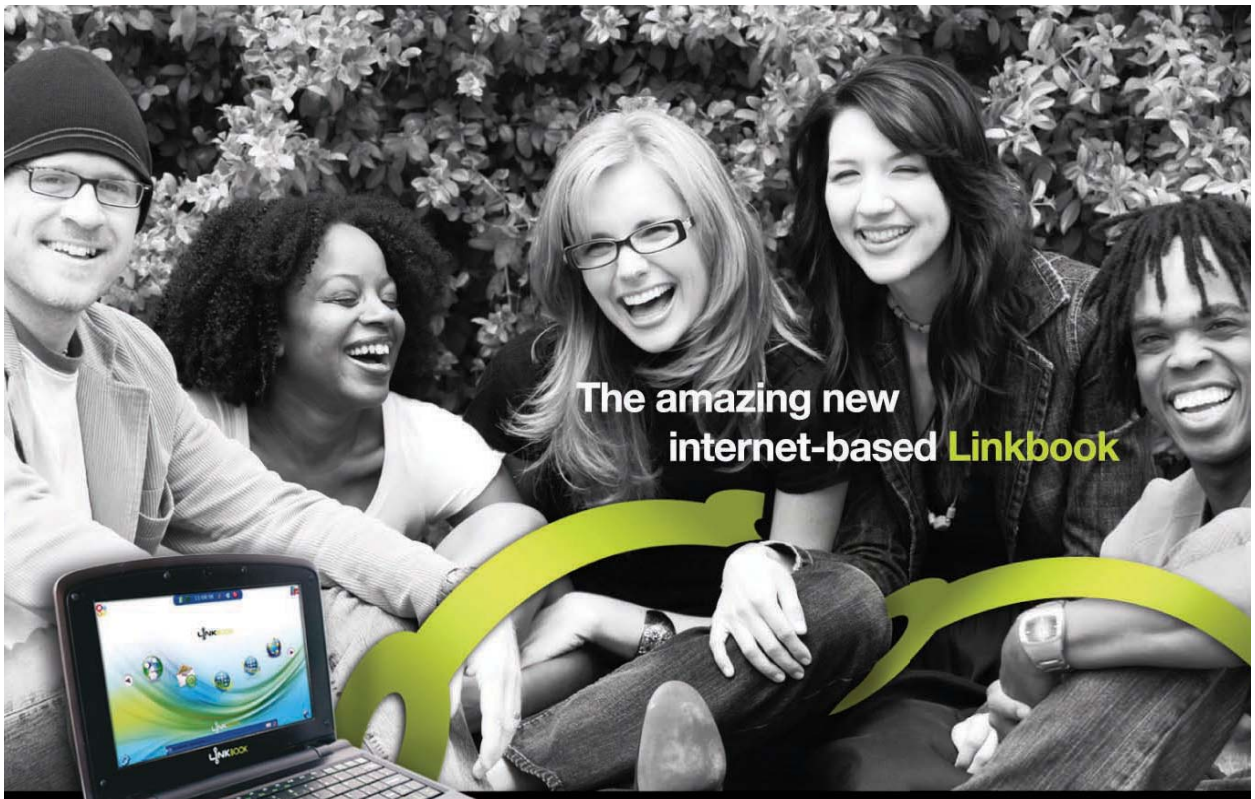
In 2007, Stellenbosch University established a Centre for Renewable and Sustainable Energy Studies sponsored by Sasol, to train scientists and engineers to unlock the country's renewable energy resources.

IT'S IN THE STARS

SKA - South Africa is bidding to host the Square Kilometer Array (SKA) international radio telescope, which will be up to 100 times more sensitive than any such instrument ever built.

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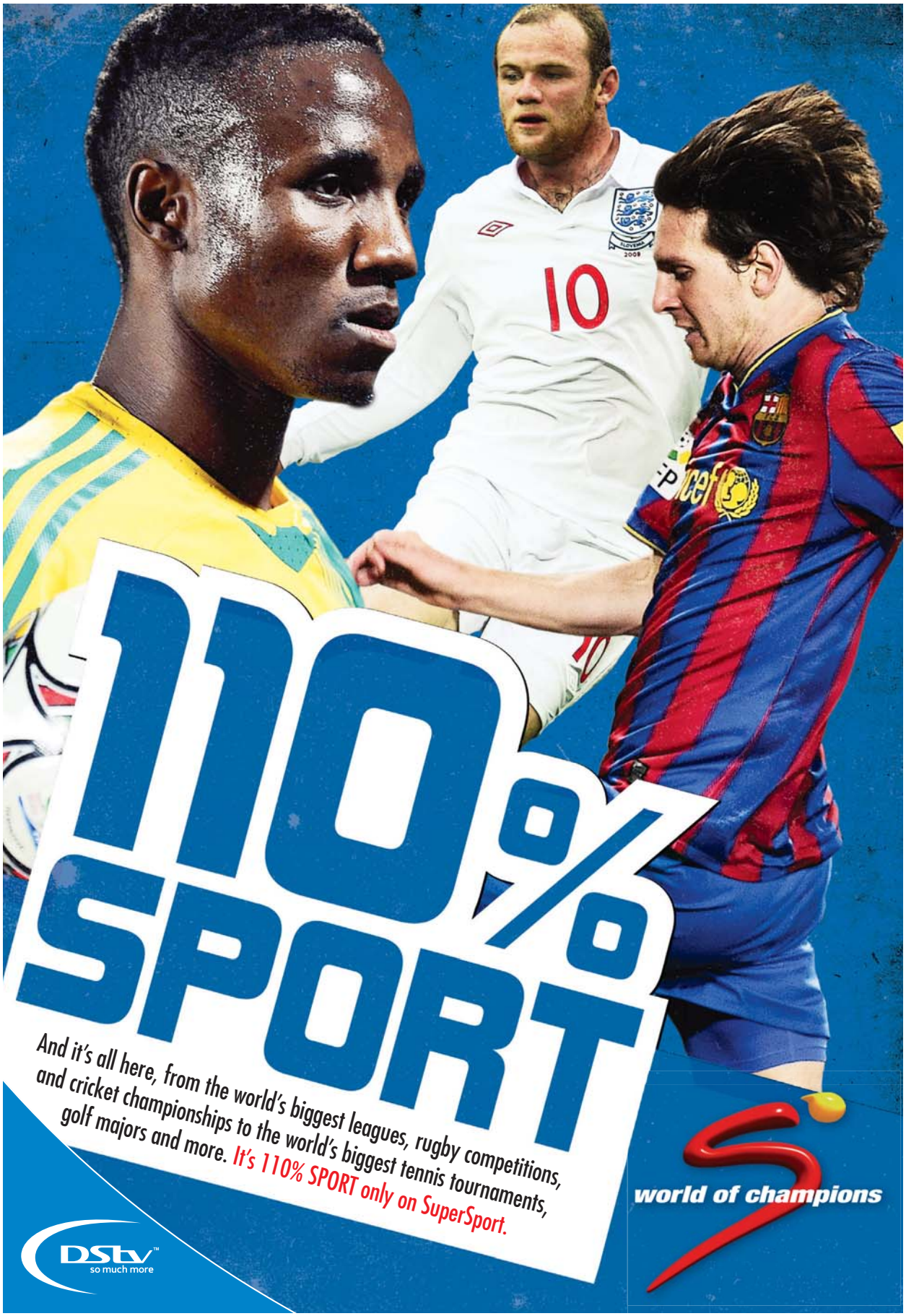
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ACE A CAREER IN FASHION DESIGN!

Romy van Tonder is a successful fashion designer. With her partner, Waldo Binneman, they have launched an exclusive menswear range, Indie Kings, available at the Young Designers Emporium (YDE) stores, nationwide.

1. **Why did you decide to study Fashion Design?** I always loved people's personal styles, they are so vast and interesting, I love art and creating beautiful things so it seemed like the perfect marriage!
2. **What did you enjoy most about the course?** The creative side, drawing and the history of fashion over the centuries!
3. **Why did you choose that specific Technikon/ University?** The PE Technikon was the only institute in Port Elizabeth that offered Fashion Design. There are some really great institutes that you can now choose from.
4. **What were the challenges you faced and how did you overcome them?** Being a very technical person especially in sewing - I overcame this by doing it again and again in order to get it right - determination!
5. **What was the most important thing you learned whilst studying?** It takes hard work!
6. **What would you do differently about studying, if you could?** I think even though I was very dedicated, I would fret less about external stuff and keep focused on bettering and perfecting my skills. It is what sets you apart from the other students. I would have read more about entrepreneurship and started to be more business minded!
7. **What do you enjoy about working in the fashion industry?** I love being able to empower myself through my skills in having my own fashion label!
8. **What is the most important thing people can learn/ must do when they start their own fashion label?** Get a mentor! You will need it as things never go as planned. Secondly, don't see your mistakes as a failure, rather see them as opportunities.
9. **Your vision for your label/where you'd like to take it?** INDIE–pendent lifestyle outfitters nationwide!
10. **Your biggest career highlight.** I believe it is yet to come! We did win the YDE Award for 'Best Rising Talent Designer in Menswear' 2009.



Indie Kings range available for ladies in August 2010 at YDE!

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THE 2009 CAMPUS ICON WINNERS



WINNER

Jean-Marie Neethling

Jean-Marie (19) has received many accolades in her life. She was the youngest swimmer to compete for South Africa at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, Australia. She broke a senior South African record that stood for 7 years, which made her the fastest female swimmer in the history of South African swimming. She represented South Africa in many other international swimming championships.

Jean-Marie is currently studying LLB at the University of the Free State. She has a very unique sense of style and the people of the Kovsie Campus should be proud to have such a style icon on campus.

FIRST RUNNER-UP

Jade Jacobs

Jade Jacobs (22) from the Cape Peninsula University of Technology studying BA Honours in Linguistics.

SECOND RUNNER-UP

Nelisiwe Makhubu

Nelisiwe Makhubu (21) from the Tshwane University of Technology studying National Higher Certificate in Accounting.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!
You are not only winners but true Icons that stand for more than just fashion and a sense of style. You know exactly where you are going in life and don't mind working hard to get there. Go on staying true to yourselves and take the world by storm.

CAMPUS ICON 2009 WINNER: JEAN-MARIE NEETHLING

My life pretty much started at the age of nine, when I first discovered swimming. If I had to pinpoint when my love for it started, it would be the feeling of belonging I felt when swimming.

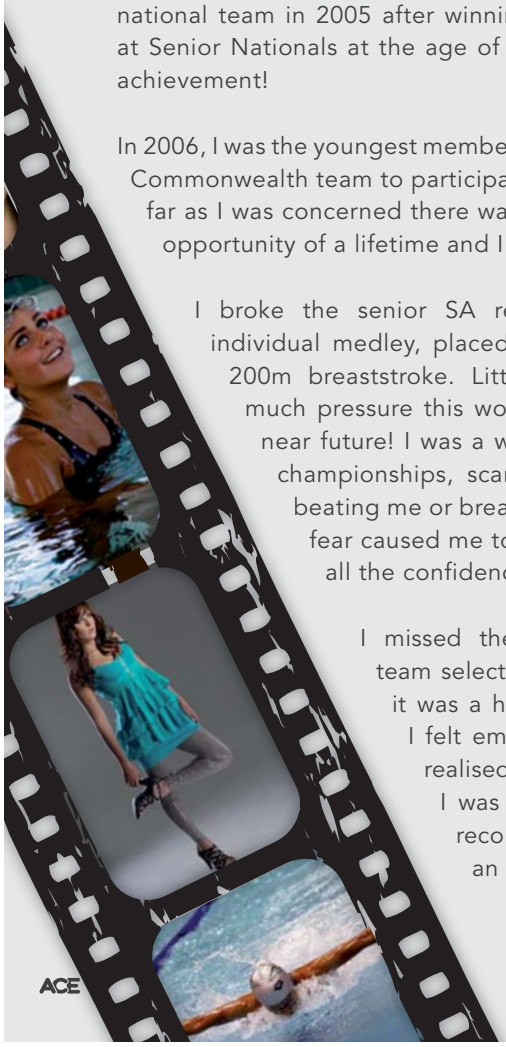
In 1999, at the age of nine, I won the SA Schools Gala. I knew that it was the start of something that would last a lifetime! 11 years later, it still is a major part of my life!

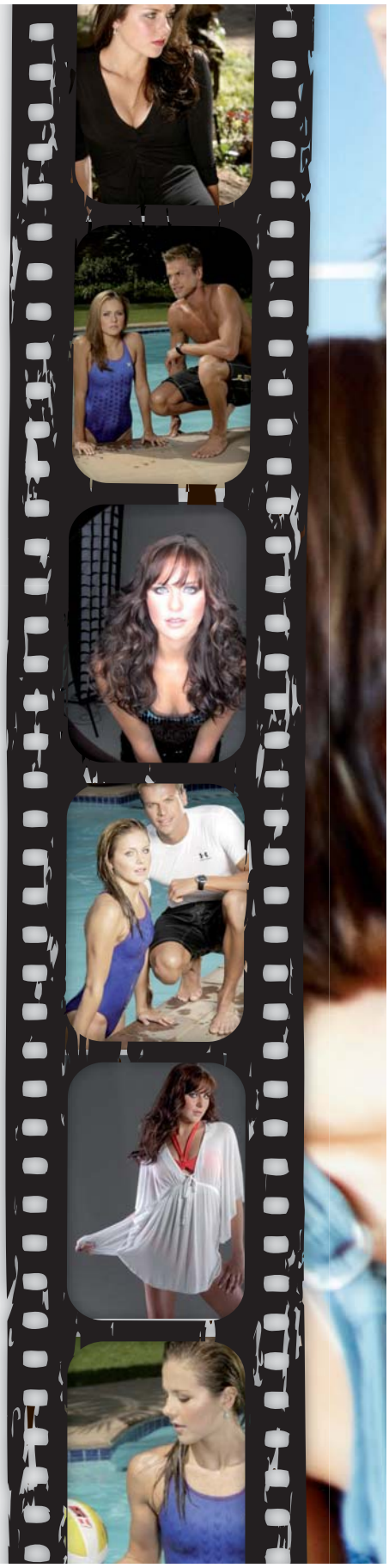
Disappointments were a certainty, even at a very young age. My parents always encouraged me. I made the national team in 2005 after winning silver and bronze at Senior Nationals at the age of 14. This was a huge achievement!

In 2006, I was the youngest member of the South African Commonwealth team to participate in Melbourne. As far as I was concerned there was no pressure, it's an opportunity of a lifetime and I should enjoy it!

I broke the senior SA record in the 200m individual medley, placed 6th and 7th in the 200m breaststroke. Little did I know how much pressure this would cause me in the near future! I was a wreck in the next few championships, scared of any swimmer beating me or breaking my record. That fear caused me to lose myself, to lose all the confidence I had in myself!

I missed the following national team selection. Needless to say, it was a huge disappointment. I felt embarrassed and sad. I realised how much pressure I was facing, being an SA record holder and sister of an Olympic champion.







In 2007, the year I matriculated, I decided to focus more on my academics and matriculated with four distinctions. In 2008 I travelled to Bath in the UK and swam well, things were looking up for the Olympic Trials in April. That was when the first blow hit me, I fell very ill in the last two weeks of my stay and was diagnosed with measles. I couldn't finish the trials and as a result, did not make it to the Beijing Olympic Games.

I was crushed, but ready to fight back! In 2009 I fell ill again. After many medical tests, I was diagnosed with Glandular Fever. I was ordered to stay out of the water for 2 months! On top of it, I strained my ankle and had to wear a cast for six weeks after trying to master three ball room dance sequences for a fundraiser. It felt as if my world was tumbling down at a very fast rate!

My brother granted me the opportunity to live with him in Pretoria whilst training with his swimming squad. Things were finally looking up for me! In 2010, I started my own swimwear range called JMN Swimwear and started my LLB Degree through the University of the Free State! In April this year, I swam at the nationals and for the first time since 2006, I was in the race again! I can't even describe the joy after completing the 200m Breaststroke! I won silver and gold after only four months of training. Adding to my blessings, I was chosen as the face and spokesperson of the Nimue skincare range.

It is hard to believe, when looking back at my journey, that I have endured so much and received so many blessings, gained the world and lost it all again. I am still going strong with enthusiasm and passion, simply because I know the best is yet to come!

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CHOOSING THE BEST COURSE AND CAMPUS FOR ME!

BY SAM O' CONNOR



I remember being in matric... I remember sitting there and thinking to myself: "What am I going to do with my life?" I remember being completely confused with what varsity to go to, or if I even wanted to go to a varsity or if I should just go on a gap year and experience life. I think that's where the problem lies.

When I was in matric, there was such a lack of information available to me. I could only find formal information about varsities that made them sound uninteresting and boring. I ended up basing my decision on what my friends were doing and choosing a course that I only just had enough marks to get into... even though it focused on math and science and they were my worst subjects at school!

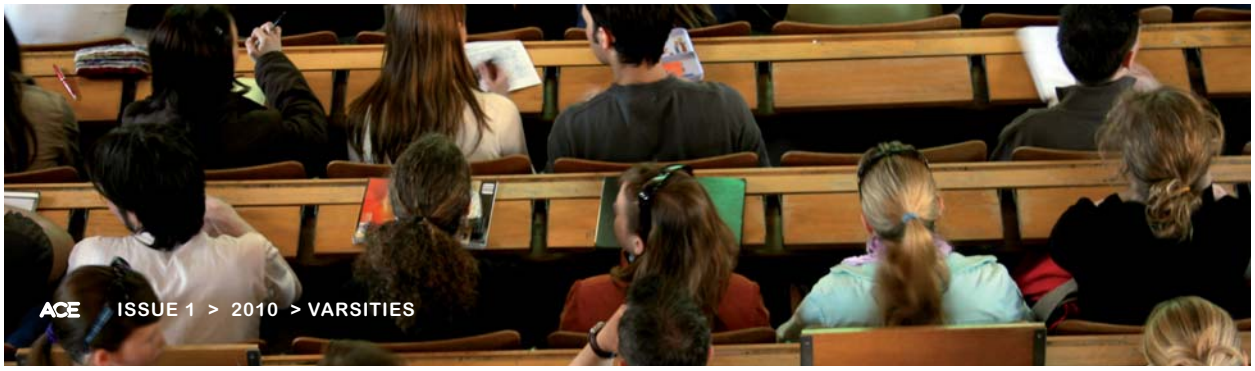
Ultimately, this is what www.sastudy.co.za is about. It's about equipping you with the tools necessary to tackle the daunting world of applying for a varsity (and what a mission that is!) and which varsity best suits you. I have experience, and I have collected information from a bunch of other varsity students who also know what it is like to be a student at the University of their Choice and why they actually chose it!

Varsity is about learning, changing, partying and experiencing everything that you can take advantage of. Varsity is also about choosing a place or city that you love, choosing a course that you may be interested in and seeing where you go from there...

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14 THINGS I WISH SOMEONE HAD TOLD ME IN FIRST YEAR...

1. University isn't school! Things change....
2. Go to your classes – or at least as many as you possibly can – it'll be worth it when exams arrive!
3. Work hard during the term so that you can get a high average and make your exams less stressful.
4. Your marks will change – passing is in fact quite a good mark!
5. Don't be thrown by the amount of work – it may be a lot more than school but it's easy to get through if you go slowly...
6. Going out is great, but going out every night of the week is bad for you! (you'll fall behind in your work, you'll be tired and you won't go to your lectures).
7. Try to budget with your pocket money... there's nothing worse than running out of money half way through the month.
8. If you can't budget – don't borrow! It's ok to miss a few big parties if you have no money...
9. Being in a residence is a great experience, so if you can – move in! You'll meet so many new people and have so much fun!
10. Get involved in EVERYTHING that your university has to offer to first years in your orientation week. There's no point in missing out on things that will invariably be a good time!
11. Make an effort to join the different clubs that the varsity offers... you'll meet new people and experience new things.
12. Don't be surprised by the change in your standards of food, but if anything, try stay healthy... don't eat too much greasy food! 'First year spread' is actually a reality...
13. Staying healthy doesn't have to cost an arm and a leg, smaller gyms are likely to have lower membership costs than bigger ones.
14. Similarly, it's easy to find anything you are looking for cheaper if you just spend that extra bit of time looking around at different shops.

(Source: 2007 Student Guide)



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The key to any exam is preparation and for some this is a major headache. This does not have to be. If you can manage your time, prioritise, rest well and work smarter you will be able to pass any exam and test you have on you plate. Here are three easy steps that is student-proof to help you study:

1. PREPARATION

About a month before the exam or test, start summarising important information and make notes of all the work the lecturer constantly refer to. You can bet that this is because it is important for the upcoming test and/or exam. So when the time gets closer and closer and you have gathered a substantial amount of notes and summaries, your workload is less!

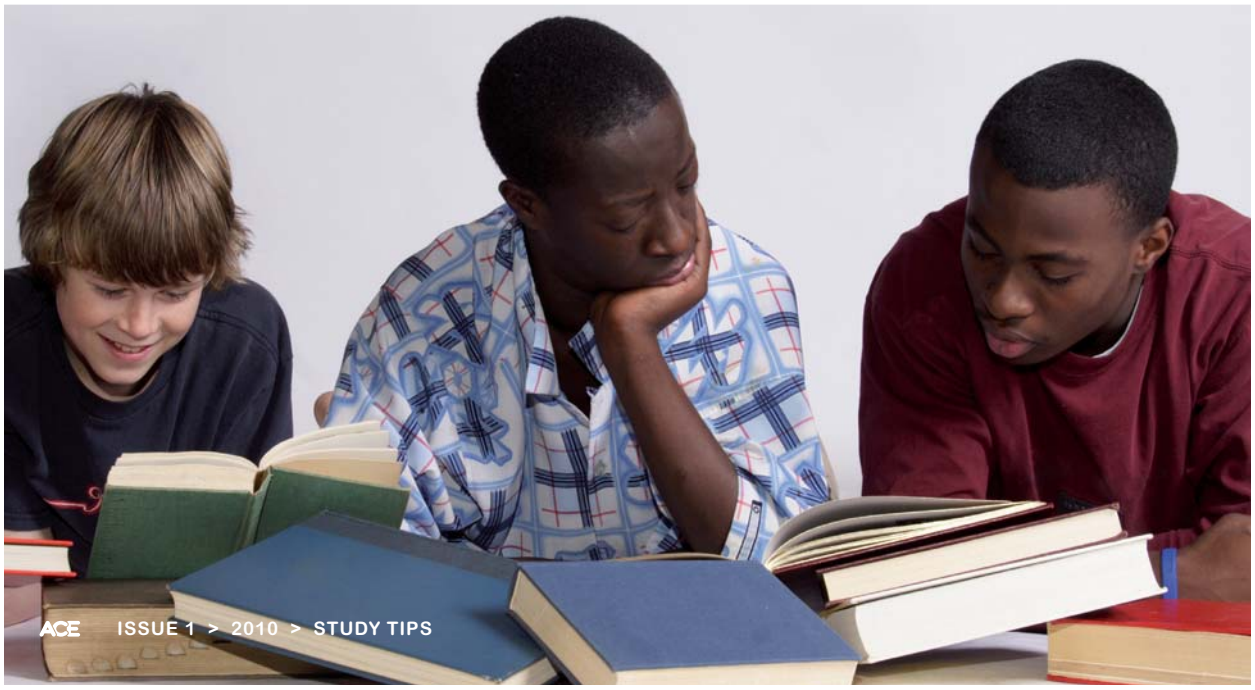
2. PRIORITISE!

Make sure the time you have left is time well spent. It is not necessary to loose those much needed 8 hours of sleep over a test or exam. In fact you would be in a much better state of mind if your body is well rested. So how do you use your time effectively? There are many ways to deal with this issue but first and foremost, make sure what is the most important to you and what is the least.

Arrange your timetable in such a way that you go to classes, do your tutorial assignment and still make time to study. Friends, the launch of a new cocktail, huisdanse, movies, are all things that should be pushed aside if you are serious about studying. Now that you have all the summary notes you don't need to feel down and out facing all those reader, textbooks and printouts. Go through the work systematically, from most important to least important thus leaving enough time to revise every day up until the day of the "TEST".

3. RELAX

After all the hard work and effort you put into this exam or test, the best thing you can do is relax and sleep. You deserve it and it won't affect your test results as the groundwork has been done to award success.



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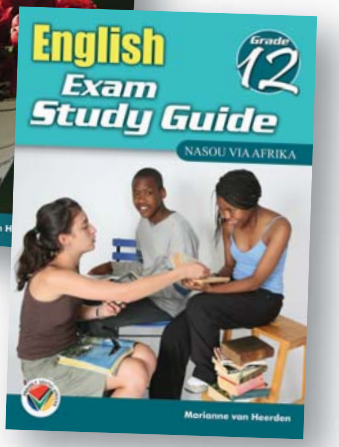
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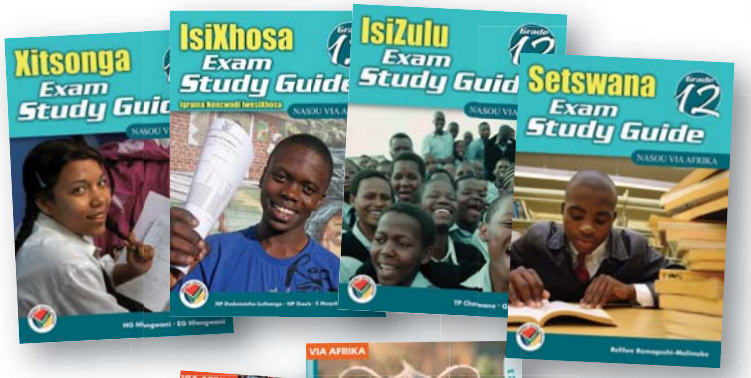
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ACE YOUR APPLICATION

Are you looking forward to the excitement of varsity life but still have to cross the barrier of applying to study? Stress no further! Here's all the information you'll need to ace your application.

Before you start filling out that application form, make sure you've given some thought as to what course you want to pursue, have all the supporting documents ready and know exactly when the deadline for submission is. Now that that's been dealt with, let's do this!

Remember when applying for varsity admission, you are basically selling yourself. Each application form provides a space for you to include information about yourself such as your interests; achievements, etc. Don't be shy to use that to market yourself. Remember to mention important things such as your academic achievements, extra curriculum activities in which you excelled, leadership roles you acquired and references from important people like your principal, sports coach or head of a society to back you up. These are all very useful in creating that first impression that would open the varsity doors to you.

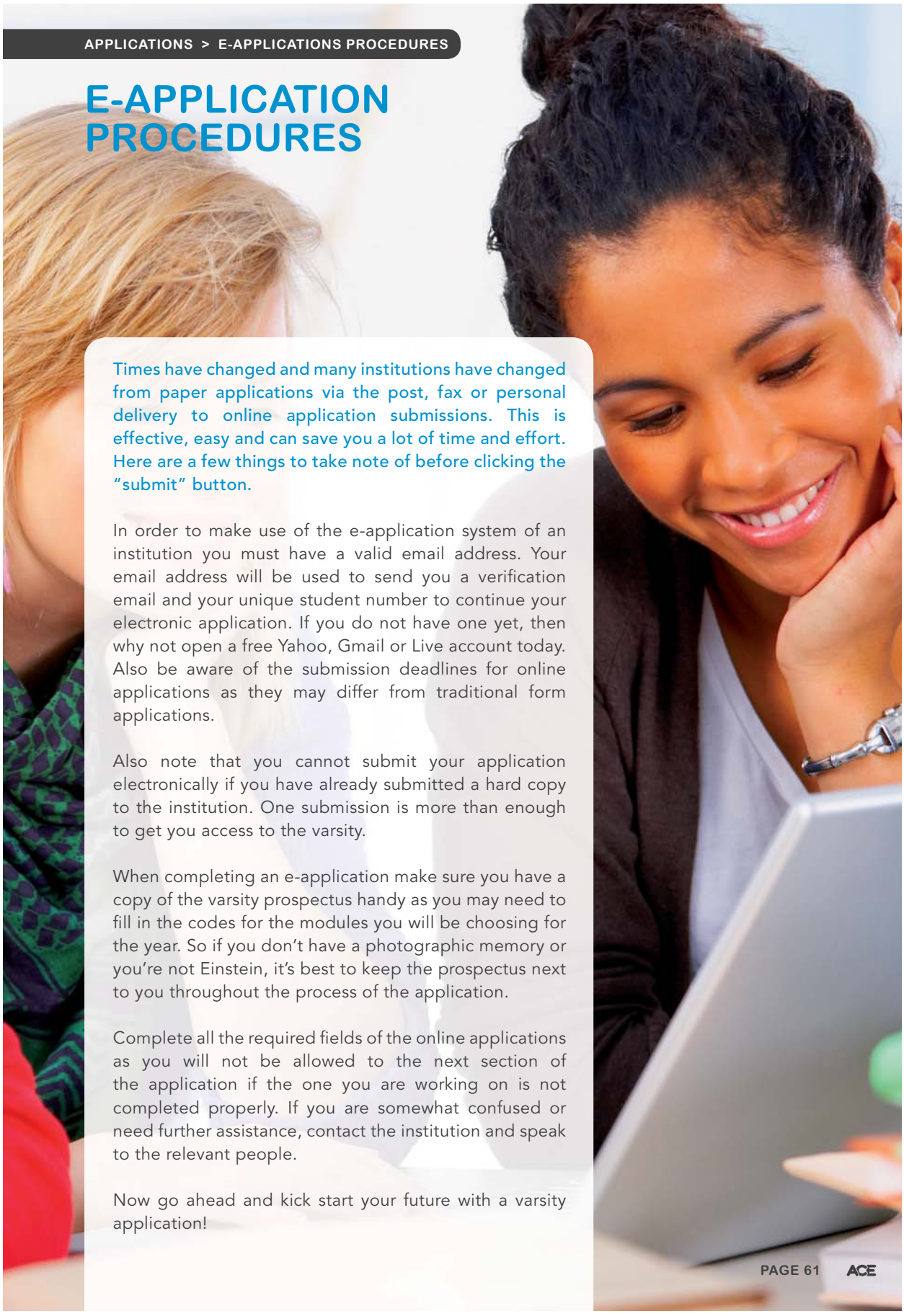
Not sure if you want to stay at res or not? Take a look at the following questions. If you said yes to many of them – you are ready to tackle life at res! In your application form should be space for res application as well. Decide on a residence that suits you best and complete that section along with the rest of your application. If it's just not for you, then simply leave it blank.

- Don't mind sharing a bathroom with other people?
- Don't mind having a roommate you've never met before?
- Not distracted easily?
- Well disciplined and can work on your own schedule?
- Have set meals day in and out?
- Be a part of social and fundraising events?

Always remember to check your spelling and grammar and make sure you understand what is expected of you by each question. Submit your application personally and before the deadline in order to have an excuse to visit the varsity and speak to some of the role players that will be giving the verdict on your application.



E-APPLICATION PROCEDURES



Times have changed and many institutions have changed from paper applications via the post, fax or personal delivery to online application submissions. This is effective, easy and can save you a lot of time and effort. Here are a few things to take note of before clicking the "submit" button.

In order to make use of the e-application system of an institution you must have a valid email address. Your email address will be used to send you a verification email and your unique student number to continue your electronic application. If you do not have one yet, then why not open a free Yahoo, Gmail or Live account today. Also be aware of the submission deadlines for online applications as they may differ from traditional form applications.

Also note that you cannot submit your application electronically if you have already submitted a hard copy to the institution. One submission is more than enough to get you access to the varsity.

When completing an e-application make sure you have a copy of the varsity prospectus handy as you may need to fill in the codes for the modules you will be choosing for the year. So if you don't have a photographic memory or you're not Einstein, it's best to keep the prospectus next to you throughout the process of the application.

Complete all the required fields of the online applications as you will not be allowed to the next section of the application if the one you are working on is not completed properly. If you are somewhat confused or need further assistance, contact the institution and speak to the relevant people.

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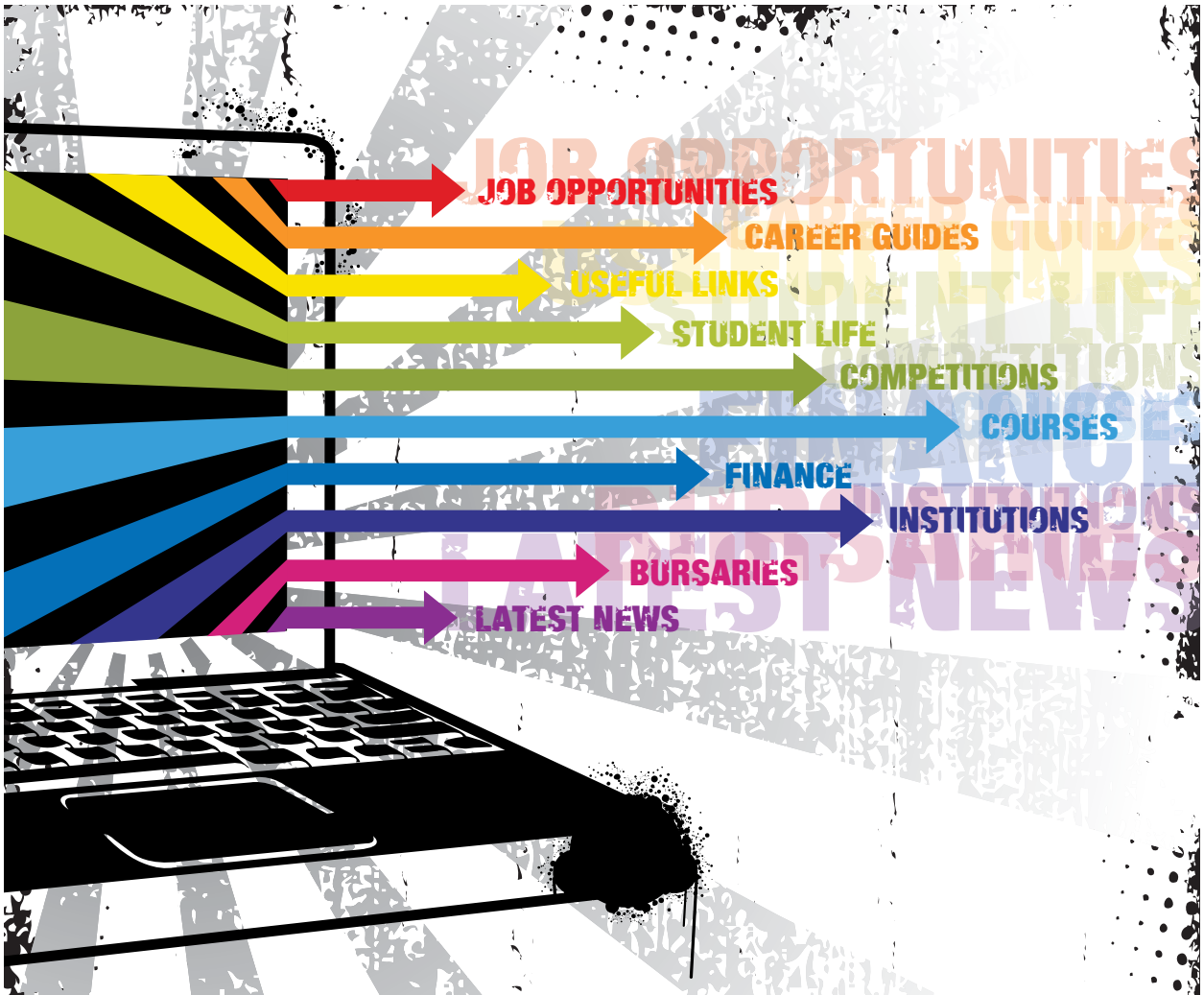


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