



ASE Newsletter

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The ASE scholars, teachers, AccessEd tutors and UJ staff at the Sanlam Auditorium at the University of Johannesburg.

AccessEd Graduation

On Monday the 24th of October, AccessEd hosted a graduation event at the University of Johannesburg (UJ) to mark the end of the AccessEd Programme.

Upon arrival at the university, students completed a guided tour of the UJ campus.

The graduation event commenced with a welcome speech by the AccessEd Programme Leader, Nicola. It was then followed by a keynote speech by a UJ representative. After that, two students from ASE, Thandolwenkosi Nkosi and Amogelang Bogatsu delivered keynote speeches sharing their experiences in the programme. Two LEAP scholars shared excerpts

from their final assignments, as they were also graduating that day.

The certificate ceremony then commenced with Mrs Khanyisile Mnisi reading out the names of scholars, the tutors handing out the certificates and the UJ representative congratulating each student as they collected their certificates.

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Once the ceremony ended each scholar received a gift pack from AccessEd and UJ. It was a successful graduation ceremony and was a felicitous way to celebrate the hard work that scholars, tutors and coordinators put into this successful programme.

For the final few weeks of the AccessEd Programme, aside from completing their final assignments, scholars had the opportunity to participate in an Academic Enrichment Workshop. Jakes Gerwel Candidate Fellows (<https://www.jgfellowship.org/our-fellows/>) ran the workshops on Mental Health and Dropout Prevention. AccessEd collaborated with My Online Therapist (<https://myonlinetherapist.co.za/>) and the Zero Dropout Campaign (<https://zerodropout.co.za/>) to prepare materials for the Workshop.

Tutors and scholars alike shared positive experiences from participating in the programme. Tutors were impressed with the eagerness to learn they experienced from the scholars, as well as their high level of participation and ability to grasp and engage with challenging concepts. Scholars shared how much they benefited academically from their highly skilled tutors, and also enjoyed learning deeper about topics from their expert tutors.



Thandolwenkosi Nkosi, grade 11, delivering her keynote speech.



The ASE Ambassadors with the Berkeley students and staff.

UC Berkeley Visit

On Tuesday the 18th of October, students from the Haas School of Business from the University of California, Berkeley visited ASE. The Berkeley students were welcomed by the grade 11 ASE scholars, who served as the ASE Ambassadors for the day.

The ASE Ambassadors gave the Berkeley students a tour of the ASE campus, and in turn received one on one career coaching. The Berkeley students noted how impressed they were with how driven and goal oriented the ASE students were as feedback from the one on one coaching sessions.

The Ambassadors then entertained the Berkeley students with a lively dance performance. The Berkeley students then handed over gifts they had brought with them from the United States for the school. These were books and some gadgets.

ASE looks forward to the next visit in March.

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Final Exams

The grades 8-11 scholars are scheduled to begin their exams and progression tests on Monday, the 21st of November. Please note that after each exam or test, scholars are required to return home. Please arrange your child to be picked up no later than 13h00 everyday during the assessment period.

Grades 10's and 11's will be writing Cambridge International standardised exams, while the grade 8's and 9's will be writing progression tests - all set by the Cambridge Centre for Evaluation & Monitoring (CEM).

Cambridge CEM's baseline assessments support sequenced learning across all stages of the Cambridge Pathway and assist with accurately measuring a student's potential and progress. They can transform learning and help us make informed decisions about individual students and their educational needs. Our baseline and diagnostic assessments from Cambridge CEM, help us measure and benchmark learners' potential. This way we can provide targeted support and plan early interventions.

Last Exam Dates and End Time:

- Grade 8 - 28 November at 09h00
- Grade 9 - 28 November at 09h00
- Grade 10 - 1 December at 09h00
- Grade 11 - 5 December at 15h00

We wish all our scholars success for their final assessments!



Annual General Meeting

On Saturday the 26th of November at 08h30, ASE will host the Annual General Meeting (AGM) with parents, staff and scholars.

All parents are encouraged to attend as important information will be shared and decisions made concerning the 2022/23 academic year. The agenda will be shared with parents ahead of the AGM.

At the AGM, two parents will be voted into the ASE Board. Information regarding budget and fees will also be presented at the meeting.

Parents and scholars are encouraged to arrive on time as to not miss any important parts of the AGM.

In Closing

Things to Note

Payments:

There is a Yoco card machine for anyone wanting to make any card payments on campus.



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