

Fashion bursaries

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The end of the year is here and Grade 12s are thinking about the future.

Unfortunately, the reality is that not everyone can afford tertiary education. Therefore the Lisof Fashion Design & Retail Academy is giving away four full-time bursaries to the value of R730 000.

The academy is looking for an

extraordinary flair for creativity and a huge passion for fashion in their candidates.

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FRESHNESS: Schoolchildren of ReShomile Primary School in Diepsloot and Dainfern College Junior Prep pick spinach from the vegetable garden at the college and enjoyed a healthy lunch. After spending a lovely time in the vegetable garden, the little ones took spinach back to their school and families.

Special school turns 26

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Unity College celebrated its 26th birthday at its annual Unity Market on 29 October.

Senior phase schoolchildren provided guests with plenty of food and drink to enjoy, including gourmet burgers and sweet treats.

Also on sale at the market were items of handmade jewellery, pot plants and even a showroom car wash.

All the stalls available on the day were planned and run by the senior phase, as the practical application of a being an entrepreneurship is taught as part of the

curriculum.

There was plenty of entertainment for family members as well, with visiting dads and sons being treated to a self-defence demonstration, while moms and daughters were taught the basics of classical belly dancing.

Toyota stepped up and hosted games for families, and parents and children alike got to dress up as their favourite fantasy characters at the Magic Photo Booth.

One of the best highlights of the day was when attendants were shown the college's new pool.

A bonsai auction also took place before the birthday celebrations came to a close.

University dropouts cost us billions

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The cost of invalid National Senior Certificates is wasting billions of rand on first-year dropouts that have received Bachelor passes.

This according to Jacques de Villiers, CEO of Growth Institute that said in 2013 the matric pass rate peaked at 78 per cent and a total of 171 755 qualified for Bachelor studies at higher education institutions.

Last year, the number of students with Bachelor passes was 166 263. The minimum requirement to gain entry for a Bachelor's degree is that a student must obtain 50 per cent in four designated subjects, 30 per cent in two others and proof of the school-based assessment in the remaining subject.

Statistics on Post-School Education and Training in South Africa: 2014, as published by the Department of Higher Education and Training (DoHET) in March this year, states that the total number of places that were filled by first time-time students at one of the resident public universities was only recroded as

69 589 and 41 109 filled spaces at Unisa.

De Villiers said that with the 171 755 students who are competing with those who did not get accepted in a previous year, the 114 848 available full-time and part-time places becomes inadequate.

He stated that if a situation like this is allowed to continue for five years, at the start of the sixth year there will be 445 000 students competing for the 115 000 places available, which means that only 25 per cent of those who obtained a Bachelor's pass will get into university.

Dr Andre van Zyl, an expert in the field of first-year successes stated, "Forty-one percent of students who enter university drop out, and up to 60 per cent of those who drop out, do so in their first year. This means that 7 380 of the 30 000 Grade 12s who will make it to university next year will not survive the 2017 academic year. We can deduce from these statistics that the NSC certificate with a Bachelor pass does not prepare the recipient adequately for university."

"The total wastage on first-year dropouts is more than the entire 2016/17 NSFAS treasury allocation of R14.6 Billion," De Villiers concluded.



Chisomo Chilonga, Conner Burns and Siyabonga Nene show off their rapping skills.

A splash of colour at Unity College

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Unity College hosted its annual extravaganza of talent.

This year's theme was a Splash of Colour and the audience was entertained under a starlit sky by the schoolchildren.

From dance to hip-hop to poetry to rap – the variety was as colourful as the theme.

Parents and guests all agree that this year's show turned out to be one to remember.

Congratulations to all the participants and the staff who contributed to this great evening.



Daniel Kelly looks amazing in his court jester costume.



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