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YOUR JOURNEY CONTINUES: CAREER SUCCESS, ALUMNI CONNECTION, AND GIVING BACK

As we reflect on the second quarter of the year, one of the most defining moments for our institution was the graduation season. This milestone was not only a celebration of academic achievement, but also a powerful reminder of the journeys, resilience, and growth of our students as they transition into the next chapter of their lives as alumni.

Graduation represents more than the awarding of qualifications, it marks the beginning of new professional and personal pathways. We are proud of every graduate who walked across the stage and stepped into the wider world equipped with knowledge, skills, and determination to make an impact.

In supporting this transition, the Career Services unit continues to play a vital role in preparing students and graduates for the world of work.

Through a range of tailored services, including career counselling, CV development support,

interview preparation, job search guidance, and employer engagement opportunities, Career Services ensures that our graduates are not only qualified but also work-ready and competitive in the job market.

As we move forward, we remain committed to strengthening the bridge between graduation and meaningful employment, while deepening our engagement with alumni as they progress in their careers. The success of our graduates is the success of our institution, and we look forward to continuing to support them on their journey.

We congratulate the Class of 2025 and encourage them to stay connected, make use of institutional resources, and contribute to the growing alumni community that continues to inspire future generations.



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Stay Connected: The Importance of the Alumni Office

Graduation is not the end of your journey with IIE Rosebank College, it is the beginning of your role as an alumnus. Staying in touch with the Alumni Office ensures that you remain connected to a network that supports your personal and professional growth.

Through the Alumni Office, graduates can:

- Access networking opportunities.
- Stay informed about career and development initiatives.
- Participate in events and mentorship programmes.
- Contribute to the growth of future graduates.

Remaining connected allows you to continue benefiting from the institution while also playing a role in shaping its future.

Giving Back: Building a Legacy

One of the most meaningful ways to stay connected is by giving back to your alma mater. Whether through mentorship, sharing opportunities, or contributing to initiatives such as the Alumni Fund, your involvement helps create opportunities for current and future students. Giving back is not only about financial contributions, but also about investing in the next generation and strengthening the IIE Rosebank College community.

Embracing Lifelong Learning

Graduation marks the start of continuous growth. In a rapidly evolving world, upskilling through short courses, certifications, and further studies is essential to remain competitive and relevant in your field.

Final Thoughts

As you step into the professional world, remember that your qualification is just the beginning. Your success will be shaped by your ability to adapt, grow, and stay connected.

IIE Rosebank College remains your partner beyond graduation, through the Career Centre, the Alumni Office, and a strong network of graduates making an impact across industries.

Stay connected. Stay empowered. And remember to give back.

Stay in Touch

For more information on alumni programmes, career support, and how to get involved, please contact: **Ms Lucia Sikhosana, Alumni Co-ordinator**
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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2025

Your journey does not end here, it evolves. Step forward with confidence, stay connected, and continue to make a difference.



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Rosebank International Empowers Exiting Students and Graduates Through Alumni Transition and Empowerment Session



Rosebank International successfully hosted the Alumni Transition & Empowerment Session, bringing together final-year students, recent graduates, alumni, and industry professionals for an engaging and insightful discussion focused on preparing graduates for life beyond university. The event served as a platform to equip attendees with practical tools and inspiration as they transition from academia into the professional world. Through thought-provoking panel discussions and shared personal experiences, speakers addressed important topics including career growth, entrepreneurship, workplace readiness, personal development, networking, and financial literacy.

The session featured keynote contributions from Ms. Nomthandazo Nkosi and Mr. Udumo Mazhindu, who shared valuable guidance on navigating today's challenging economic climate. Speaking under the themes "From Graduation to Greatness: Navigating Life Beyond the Classroom" and "Beyond the Degree: Navigating Career Growth, Financial Empowerment and Purpose After Graduation," Ms. Nkosi encouraged students and graduates to think beyond traditional career paths and actively create opportunities for themselves. "There is an automatic pressure that since you went to varsity you will get a job, but what if you don't get a job?" she said. "We can't rely on Plan A all the time; we need to look at Plan B."

Her discussion focused on entrepreneurship, transforming skills into income-generating opportunities, balancing employment with entrepreneurial pursuits, and building resilience in uncertain economic conditions. She urged graduates to remain adaptable, innovative, and proactive in pursuing their goals.

Mr. Udumo Mazhindu led discussions on Financial Literacy & Early Career Money Management, where he highlighted the importance of financial discipline and responsible decision-making among young professionals entering the workforce. He advised students and alumni to set clear financial boundaries and avoid unnecessary debt that could negatively affect their credit scores in the future, particularly clothing accounts and impulsive spending habits.

"Financial freedom starts with discipline. Learn to live within your means, protect your credit score, and set financial boundaries early because the decisions you make today will shape your future opportunities," said Mazhindu.

His session covered practical financial strategies such as budgeting, saving, understanding credit, responsible borrowing, and planning for long-term financial stability.

The Alumni Transition & Empowerment Session formed part of Rosebank International's ongoing commitment to student success, graduate development, and alumni engagement. The event created a meaningful space for graduates to learn from experienced professionals while gaining confidence and practical insight into the realities of life after graduation.

By fostering conversations around resilience, entrepreneurship, financial wellness, and career readiness, the session empowered attendees to approach their next chapter with greater confidence, purpose, and preparedness.

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In delivering the vote of thanks, National Career Services Manager Mr. Thabani Shange expressed appreciation to the speakers, alumni, students, and organisers for contributing to a meaningful and empowering engagement. He encouraged graduates to continue investing in their personal and professional growth, emphasizing that success is built through continuous learning, resilience, and the willingness to embrace opportunities beyond the classroom.

Facilitator Ms. Antonette Motlouni encouraged students and recent graduates to make meaningful use of platforms such as the Alumni Transition & Empowerment Session by actively engaging, asking questions, and building professional networks.

She emphasized that conversations with alumni and industry professionals can provide valuable guidance, inspiration, and opportunities that help graduates navigate their transition into the working world with confidence.

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From Student Leader to Alumni Administrator: The Inspiring Journey of Bongiwe Ntokozo Masango

Bongiwe Ntokozo Masango graduated with a Diploma in Journalism with Distinction, achieving a long-held academic goal through dedication, consistent effort, and active participation in her studies. Inspired by her passion for writing, public speaking, and current affairs, she chose Journalism and enrolled at Rosebank International for its focus on practical, work-integrated learning.

Alongside her studies, Bongiwe served as Deputy President of the Student Representative Council (SRC), a Student Ambassador, and a Student Assistant in Events and Communications, developing leadership, communication, project management, and networking skills. Despite the challenge of balancing academics with leadership responsibilities, she excelled through effective time management and organisation.

One of her proudest achievements was successfully advocating for

final-year Journalism students to participate in an academic media excursion.

Her leadership experiences strengthened her sense of purpose and taught her the importance of staying focused on her goals.

After graduating, Bongiwe joined Rosebank International as an Alumni Administrator, where she now helps graduates stay connected with the institution. Looking ahead, she plans to pursue an Advanced Diploma, Honours, and a Master's degree in Strategic Communications, with the goal of moving into a management role within the next five years.

She encourages current students to make learning engaging, embrace technology, and get involved in campus activities to build networks and practical experience. For Bongiwe, success means pursuing a career she is passionate about and making a meaningful impact through her work.

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Rosebank International Career Services Strengthens Industry Partnerships Through Business Breakfasts Across All Campuses



Rosebank International's Career Services Department recently hosted a series of Business Breakfasts across all Rosebank International campuses, bringing together industry leaders, employer partners, and key stakeholders to strengthen relationships and create meaningful opportunities for students and graduates. The initiative formed part of Career Services' ongoing commitment to bridging the gap between education and employment by fostering stronger collaboration between the institution and industry. The business breakfasts provided a platform for open dialogue on graduate employability, workplace readiness, industry trends, and the evolving skills required in today's competitive job market.

Stakeholder engagement remains a critical component of Rosebank International's strategy to ensure that academic programmes remain relevant and responsive to industry needs. By engaging directly with employers, industry experts, and business leaders, the institution gains valuable insights into workforce demands while creating opportunities for industry partners to contribute to the development of future professionals. Hosted across all Rosebank International campuses, the business breakfasts enabled Career Services teams to engage with employers from various sectors and strengthen relationships with organisations that continue to recruit Rosebank International graduates. These engagements also created opportunities to explore new partnerships focused on internships, work-integrated learning, graduate recruitment, mentorship programmes, and career development initiatives.

Students and graduates are the ultimate beneficiaries of these strategic partnerships. Through stronger industry collaboration, they gain increased access to employment opportunities, workplace exposure, networking platforms, mentorship, and valuable insights into employer expectations. These engagements help ensure that graduates are equipped with the skills, knowledge, and professional attributes required to succeed in the workplace.

The business breakfasts also provided employers with an opportunity to share feedback on industry trends and the competencies required in today's workforce. This exchange of knowledge supports the continuous improvement of academic offerings and enhances the institution's ability to produce graduates who are ready to contribute meaningfully from day one.

By hosting these engagements across all campuses, Rosebank International reaffirmed its commitment to student success, graduate employability, and stakeholder collaboration. The initiative reflects the institution's dedication to building strong industry relationships that create tangible opportunities for students and graduates while contributing to the development of a skilled and employable workforce.

Through ongoing collaboration with industry partners, Career Services continues to play a pivotal role in connecting students and graduates with opportunities that support their professional growth and long-term career success.

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Rosebank International Alumni Making an Impact in KwaZulu-Natal

Rosebank International is proud to celebrate the achievements of its alumni who continue to make meaningful contributions in their respective fields.

As part of the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Public Works and Infrastructure's Youth Month commemoration, the department hosted a Youth Empowerment Session under the theme, "Accelerate Youth Economic Emancipation for a Sustainable Future." The initiative aimed to equip learners participating in learnership programmes with skills and opportunities that will support their long-term career development beyond the duration of their programmes.

Among those making a notable impact at the department are Rosebank International alumni Nobuhle Madonsela and Sipho Gift Zondi. Nobuhle is serving as an IT Graduate, applying her knowledge and skills to support the department's technological initiatives.

Sipho Gift Zondi has distinguished himself through his dedication, experience, and strong work ethic. Initially appointed as a student, his outstanding performance and qualifications led to his placement as a Facilitator within the department, where he continues to contribute significantly to learner development and programme success.

Their achievements reflect the quality of Rosebank International graduates and demonstrate the value of education, commitment, and continuous professional growth. We congratulate Nobuhle and Sipho on their accomplishments and wish them continued success in their careers.





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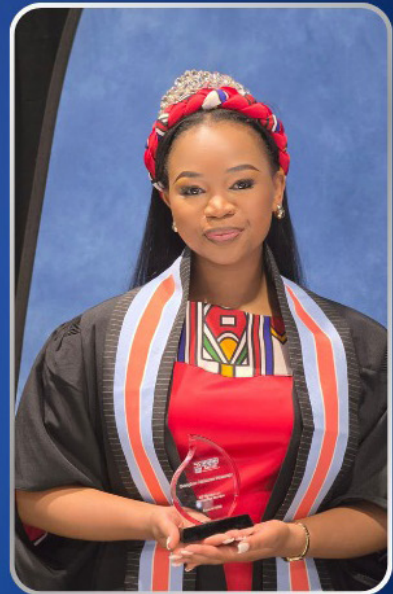
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