



# FOCUS

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## Courage

C.S. Lewis said that courage is not simply one of the virtues, but the form of every virtue as its testing point. Florence Nightingale (1820 - 1910) said that courage is the common currency of all those who choose to do the right thing. In the hospitality industry we constantly deal with people and challenging situations. Therefore we need to always be reminded to "do the right thing". Take courage, show respect, and make all feel valued.



TPHS Alumni



Life on Campus as a first semester



Our Community



Priscilla's famous "broodtjie"

Thembi Kuchena is currently residing in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE). She is working for a five star luxury hotel, Sofitel Abu Dhabi Corniche Hotel which is part of Accor brand. Currently she is employed as a sales executive for the corporate market. Thembi believes that her time at TPHS assisted her and provided her with the basics and fundamental key points of working in the hospitality industry. Thembi says that "I enjoy meeting new people and networking because we all know that the hospitality industry is based on who you know. My greatest accomplishment thus far is being a young black African woman in the UAE. At the age of 23, I went from being a communication centre agent to reservations agent and now sales executive in a space of one and a half years". Thembi considers the education she received at TPHS is relevant and without it she believes she would not be where she is today. Her advice to current students and prospective students is that "they should take all the experiences they get from TPHS seriously, as what they take from TPHS will give them the fundamental foundation to help them be successful in the industry". We wish Thembi all the best with her future endeavors. We are proud of you.

Zwelihle Motsamai Kokong hails from Pretoria. He joined TPHS during January. For Zwelihle a typical day on campus involves going to classes, interacting with other students and staff and then working on assignments and projects. He is an entertainer and sees himself as being involved in the entertainment industry combined with hospitality. Zwelihle believes that TPHS is preparing him to pursue his career and to be successful. He says that TPHS is all about 'excellence' and that you need to be determined and work hard.

TPHS has been involved with the Legacy project since 2013. The Legacy Community Development is a non-profit company that operates in Kayamandi and works in partnership with the Municipality of Stellenbosch. The projects are managed by permanent staff however volunteers can also be involved. TPHS is involved as volunteers and Chef/Lecturer Jeanette Barry coordinates the outreaches to Khulani Kayamandi. Fun and interactive culinary art demonstrations are held where the children can interact and experience working with food in a creative manner. The vision for Khulani Kayamandi is that those who attend the programme will actually believe that they can lead a meaningful life and achieve their dreams. If they do this, they will start to be role models to the other children in Kayamandi. This will send a powerful message to the community and show them that there is hope for the future. Legacy also wants to show the children that they have their future in their own hands; this will challenge them to become 'the accountable next generation'. Legacy believes that the children of Kayamandi can change the face and future of this deprived part of Stellenbosch. Further information regarding Legacy can be obtained from the manager Ms Louise Fourie, louise@sg.org.za

Ms Priscilla Lukwe has been with TPHS since 2009. Priscilla is the Restaurant Assistant of TPHS and she is also responsible for the functioning of the "Snoepie" (TPHS tuck shop). Priscilla loves children and young people and enjoys working with the students and preparing meals for them. She has a passion for cooking but even a bigger passion for baking. The students love Priscilla and they say that she is always smiling and friendly. Her most sought after dish is the famous "broodtjie" (sandwich). Priscilla has a talent for baking bread and according to students and staff this is the best bread ever. When Priscilla is baking bread the smell of the bread lingering through the premises of TPHS entices everyone to tuck away at the best sandwich in Africa. Priscilla's advice to the students is to work hard, be honest and to do the best you can in order to ensure a positive future for yourself.

"Enter the race to complete it with dignity"



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