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## Getting good advice

Does it matter if hospitality leaders are competent? Yes it does - it is critical for the success of the global hospitality industry as the industry is in constant change and evolving. Hospitality employers and employees must consistently adopt new ways of thinking and working to keep abreast of these changes. The most relevant and targeted advice will be with no value if it is not received in a good and positive spirit. Keep an open mind and pay close attention to advice.

Naomi Issosa was born and raised in Kinshasa, the capital of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Naomi is currently residing in Cape Town. She is enrolled as a culinary arts student with PHS. Naomi describes PHS as a comfortable environment to study, yet you have to work hard. She says that the lecturers have an open door policy and interact with their students. Her dream is to work at one of the top restaurants in Stellenbosch and at the side of mentors such as Henrico Grobbelaar from Equus at Cavalli Estate and Michael Broughton from Terroir at Kleine Zalze. Naomi believes that with the encouragement received from PHS and the manner in which the courses are structured she will realize her dream. Her ultimate goal is to return to the Democratic Republic of Congo to start a culinary TV show and start a culinary arts school. Naomi advises PHS students and prospective students to have a plan in life, to never give up in life, to always have a positive attitude and to be humble and respect others. We wish Naomi well with her studies and her future plans.



Spotlight on PHS Students



Richard Setloboko



Olefile Ramong

Richard Setloboko and Olefile Ramong are currently studying at PHS. Richard is specializing in hospitality management and Olefile in culinary arts. They are residing on campus and describe a typical day on campus as waking up, getting prepared for the day's activities and then onto class, focused and ready for the day. Richard is excited about his internship at The Cape Grace Hotel, while Olefile will work in the different restaurants and function venues at Spier. Both Richard and Olefile enjoy their studies at PHS and describes studying at PHS as "fun, active learning, quality and beyond expectations". Richard is keen to work hard to achieve a position in management of a hotel within the next five years and Olefile is keen to become a business owner and start his own catering company. Their advice to current and prospective students is to never give up and work hard. PHS is proud of Richard and Olefile and encourages them to reach for their dreams.



Face of PHS



A visit from Gugulethu

Mrs Yisiwe Gomba is the friendly face of PHS. Yisiwe manages the reception area of PHS and is responsible for answering the incoming calls and liaising with guests. Yisiwe also assists with administrative duties and events. Many students know the friendly smile and solid advice during their time at PHS. Yisiwe reminds students that "everyone is smiling in the same language".

Learners from the Oscar Mpetha Secondary School, Gugulethu visited PHS. They were keen to learn about the opportunities in the hospitality industry and where to study. Ms Susina Jooste, Director of PHS spent some time with the learners to talk about study options and career opportunities in the industry. They enjoyed the presentation and some were very keen to pursue their studies in hospitality management and culinary arts.

***"You can receive advice but it is what you do with it that matters"***



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